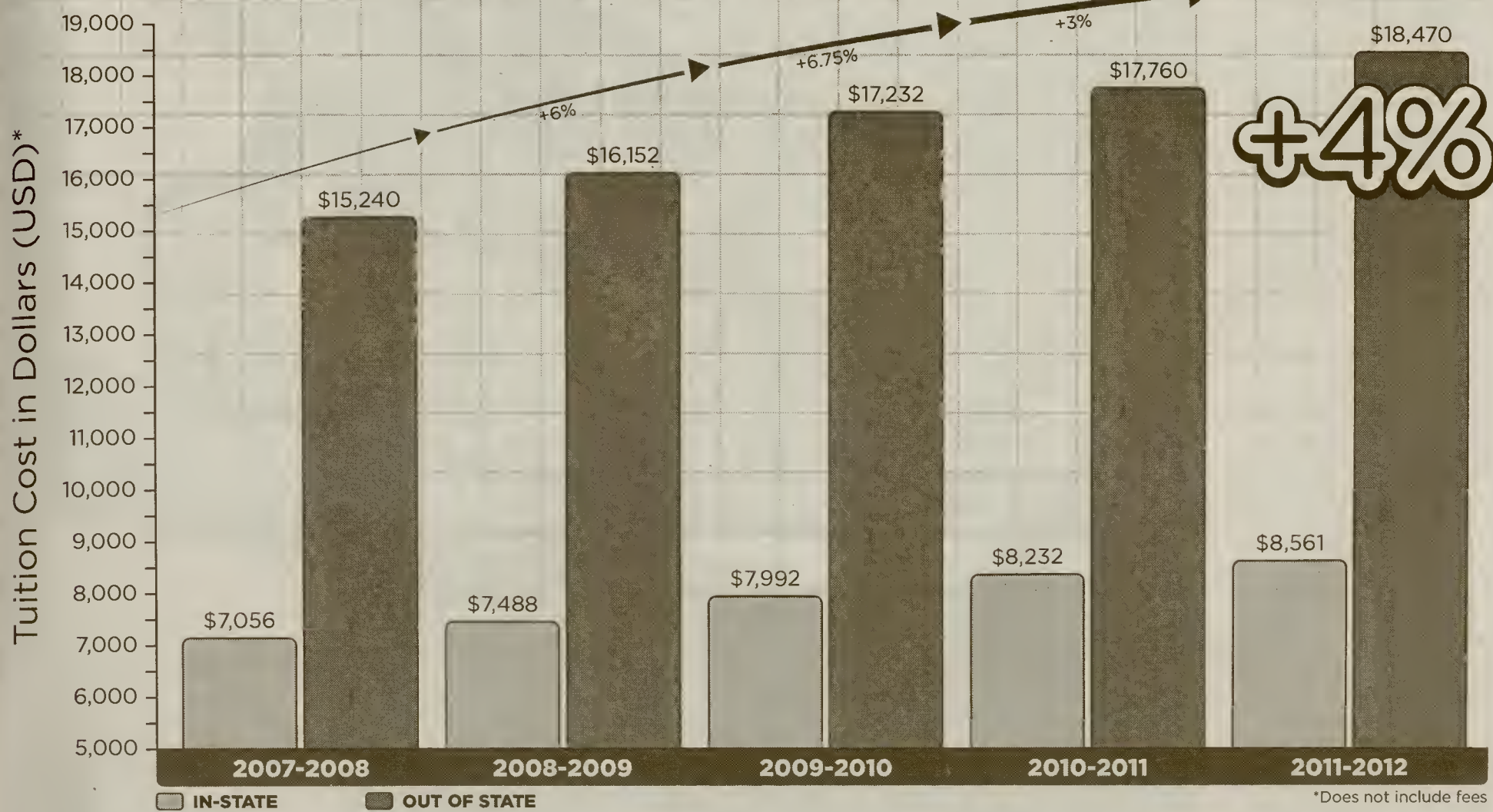


Tuition on the rise



Sean Siciliano
News Correspondent

The Vermont State College Board of Trustees voted to raise tuition for Lyndon State College four percent for the 2011-2012 school year on Thursday, but that doesn't mean students won't experience budget cuts around campus.

"An increase will help, but we're still going to be on a very very very tight budget," said LSC President Carol Moore. "I will say that we will be looking at everything as an area for potential savings. We will do our very best not to have to look at personnel, but we will be looking at everything."

Even after a four percent increase in tuition the college will still be facing a large deficit. After raising tuition four percent the college could still face a deficit between \$413,508 and \$745,345.

In his address this week Governor Peter Shumlin proposed to keep the state appropriation the same, however Shumlin is

proposing that the stimulus money be cut out of the college budget. If that does happen, the college could face a \$745,345 deficit.

"I would have to say I am appreciative that he (Gov. Shumlin) didn't cut back any further than what is proposing in his budget," said Moore.

"He is proposing to cut the stimulus money from our budget, but no more. Given the economy in the state and what the state is facing with their own deficits, this is probably as good as we can expect."

This means the budget will take some time to balance.

The decision to raise tuition comes after the Vermont State College Board of Trustees met in Montpelier on Jan. 19. Students from both Lyndon and Johnson

State College attended the meeting to have their voices heard.

The students of both colleges that attended the meeting were in favor of a four and a half percent increase.

Some students from Johnson were willing to go as high as was needed

to keep the quality of the programs. Students said that this increase would be minuscule in the long run compared to a law school. However, many students are struggling to pay rising tuition costs.

"The students will not agree to an increase because students are feeling the heat of the economic state that we are in," said SGA president John Kleinhans.

As much as Kleinhans says students may not want to see tuition go up, but it is necessary for the budget to be balanced, and a raise in tuition helps to do this.

"We need to realize we are educating Vermonters," said Kleinhans at the meeting.

Kleinhans is afraid that the VSC system, which advertises affordability as one of its attractions, will no longer be affordable to Vermont students if tuition continues to be raised year after year.

Before the tuition hearing the VSC Student Association created a poll that was distributed to all students in the system as a way to gain an understanding of what students would accept. Only 346 students throughout the VSC completed the survey.

Of the students who did complete the survey, 142 voted for no increase, 98 students said that an increase of three percent would be okay, and the remaining students said that they would support any increase if it helped keep the quality of the programs.

The decision to raise tuition typically is not made until April. However, the committee decided that it

would be appropriate to make the decision earlier in the year in order to give the colleges time to adjust the budget and give accurate numbers to students who are being recruited for the fall.

Last year LSC needed to make cuts after the tuition announcement in order to balance the budget. Those cuts included the cancellation of several classes that caused controversy among students and staff.

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How much is your tuition going up?

Undergraduate

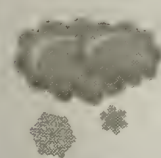
In state	\$329
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International	\$710

Graduate

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International	\$905

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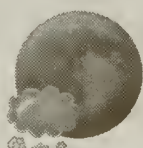
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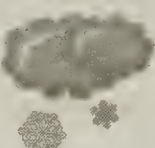
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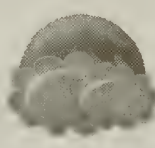
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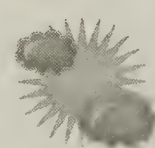
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Men's hoop wins four straight

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The Lyndon State College men's basketball team has been riding high of late on a

four game North Atlantic Conference winning streak.

Lyndon's current 4-1 conference record is the team's best start ever in NAC conference play. The team's most

recent win came on Tuesday at home when it completed a 91-54 bashing of the Johnson State Badgers. Prior to that win, in reverse chronological order, the team beat Maine-

Farmington 78-75, Thomas College 107-96, and beat Maine Maritime on the road 72-66.

The Hornets are currently tied for second place in the NAC Conference with Castleton, who they play for the first time this season on Saturday. They sit one game behind an undefeated Husson team that handed the Hornets a 41-point loss 102-61 in LSC's first conference game of the season. Head coach Joe Krupinski says that loss proved to be a silver lining for the team.

"We've kind of come together and played with a lot more focus and more intensity," said Krupinski. "After the Husson game I think we all did some soul searching and realized this isn't how we want the season to go."

Lyndon went 1-10 in non-conference play at the end of the first semester, however that was part of coach Krupinski's strategy for success in conference. The only games that count toward NAC playoff seeds are conference games, with non-conference games being the tiebreaker.

"I'd like to attribute it (our recent success) to our tough schedule in the non-conference," said Krupinski. "We didn't win many games,

but we played some good teams and hopefully that's paying off now."

Phil Warrick continues to be a critical part of the Hornets offensive attack, and was named NAC men's basketball player of the week for the week ending Jan. 24. In the past four games, Warrick has scored 87 points, including the game-winning basket with a few seconds remaining on the clock vs. Maine-Farmington.

"He's really been maturing and blossoming since the second semester started," said Krupinski. "He had some big games in the first semester, but he's been playing with a much better purpose and focus of late."

Beyond Warrick, more of the freshmen recruits are becoming an active part of the Hornet's lineup. Rob Alers, D.J. Santos, and Antonio Mena have all received appreciable playing time off the bench recently, as opposed to the first semester when returners carried the load.

"We like our returners, they're good players," said Krupinski. "We try to expect a lot from them because they've been through the war so to speak. Our philosophy has always been to play the guys who will help us win, whatever age they are."



Logan Calkins drives toward the basket in a game vs. Thomas college on Saturday. Photo by Bryan Barber

Lady hornets on hot streak

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

The Lyndon State College women's basketball team capped their recent home stretch with a third straight win against in-state rival Johnson State.

The Lady Hornets handily beat the Badgers of Johnson State by a score of 82-68. The triumph leaves the team with an overall record of 7-7, and an impressive 5-2 at home. In North Atlantic Conference action, they currently have a 3-2 record, and are in fifth place.

The team has been up and down throughout the season,

but seems to be settling in as the season nears the home stretch. Coach Vinnie Maloney has a clear vision for the team's direction. "We are not where we want to be, but close."

Following a difficult stretch of non-conference matches, the team seems to have rebounded strong in the last couple weeks. Given the team's struggles throughout the season, their goal has remained the same.

"Our goal all along has been to make the playoffs," said Maloney. "Hopefully we can carry this momentum through then."

The credit for the team's

recent success is widely distributed.

"It's been a team effort all around," said Coach Maloney. "We are deep at the guard position, and Donna Lawson and Naomi White have helped carry the load on offense."

Donna Lawson was named NAC player of the week for her performances vs. Maine-Farmington and Thomas last weekend. Over that two game stretch, she averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds, and added another 25 points in the win over Johnson.

With nine games remaining until playoffs, The Lyndon State women's basketball team seems to be well on their way to achieving their initial goal. With the rest of the season consisting of all conference games, the team looks to continue their win streak Saturday against another in-state rival. The match is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Castleton.

Slip sliding away

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

Arguably the most interesting part of the men's basketball season so far occurred not on the courts, but rather on the road.

On its way to play division one Brown University, the Hornet's team bus was involved in a multi-vehicle car accident on I-93 south in Canterbury, N.H. No players were injured, but it created quite an inconvenience, forcing the game to be pushed back from a 5 p.m. start time to a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

"Yeah it was just kind of a strange spot in the road where there was a lot of ice and snow, and we came around a bend where we couldn't really see too far ahead of us," said Krupinski.

"The bus driver did a very good job hitting the breaks and minimizing the impact, because it could've been worse. And then coming back with the new bus, the battery was dead, we had

to wait around until midnight and got back at 4 a.m. Then the next day we had to play Middlebury. It's a good story now, but it's not something I want to repeat."

Several bursts of snow were dancing around New England at the time of the bus crash, and one band moved through the New Hampshire area around the same time as the crash.

"I think everybody was a little stunned, we were surprised it happened. It was a first time for everyone being in a bus accident. Thank god everyone was OK."

After the team finally arrived at Brown, things didn't get a whole lot better, as the Hornets lost to the Bears by a final score of 88-55.

Several Hornets hail from Central Falls, R.I. near the city of Providence, where Brown University lies. Rhode Island supporters who braved the snow to see their hometown heroes in action greeted Rob Alers, George Carle, and Antonio Mena with open arms.

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New faces add depth to Lyndon basketball

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

Three new faces are gracing the Lyndon State College varsity basketball courts this semester, Ariel McConkey, Maisie Sanchez, and Alvin Durrett.

McConkey and Sanchez joined the women's basketball team, and Durrett was added to the men's roster at the end of semester break. McConkey has already had a significant impact on the women's basketball team, and was named North Atlantic Conference rookie of the week for the week ending Jan. 24.

McConkey had 28 points, 10 rebounds and five steals in the Hornet's two wins over Thomas and Maine-Farmington last weekend. She transferred to Lyndon from Central Maine Community College after one semester, but it's no coincidence she chose to transfer here.

"I didn't get along with the coach that well. I looked at this college (LSC) before the fall semester but decided to go to CMCC," said McConkey. "Then I decided to re-look at it, and I got a good offer and like the coach a lot so I came here."

Sanchez transferred to Lyndon from St. Joseph's College in Maine, and has also seen considerable playing time since her arrival. In addition to their timely arrival, McConkey and Sanchez have a lot in common. They are both enrolled in the exercise science program, are roommates on campus, and both didn't have a very enjoyable basketball experience at their previous college.

"At my old school I didn't really get along with the basketball team that well, I knew

here was a better program and a better coach," said Sanchez. "The coach brought me here, I actually came here and came to him and it worked out."

Speaking of coaches, LSC women's head coach Vinnie Maloney has nothing but good things to say about his team's recent additions. He says he recruited Ariel when she went to high school at Fryeburg academy, and heard about Sanchez from some friends at St. Josephs.

"They give the team a lot of depth," said Maloney. "We were asking a real lot out of Stephanie, Shauna, and Danielle from the guard position. Playing college basketball for 40 minutes a game is a lot for anyone. Ariel's been amazing on defense; the intensity that she brings is another big advantage to us. Maisie brings a little more athleticism to us, and they've both meshed well with the team so far."

For Sanchez and McConkey, the team at Lyndon has been a stark contrast to their previous college squads.

"It's a completely different practice," said Sanchez. "Our practices at St. Joes were always strict and to the point. At least I get to have a little bit of fun here."

"At my last school in our conference games we did really well," said McConkey. "Our team was undefeated in our conference. It's different here because we lost our first few conference games. We had a lot more plays at my old school, we had around 20 plays...we had a lot more set plays, here we run more motion plays. I like it; I like the girls (women) on the team, and the coach.



Freshman Ariel McConkey dribbles past a Farmington defender.

Photo by Bryan Barber

Sanchez and McConkey filled two roster spots vacated at the end of the first semester due to the departure of sophomore starter Jasmine Harrington and freshman Tia Billado.

"Jasmine's ineligible," said Maloney when asked why the two players left. "But she's working hard and will be back with us next fall."

The team's recent success in conference play is undoubtedly due in part to the contributions of both Sanchez and McConkey. As the team prepares to make a run toward their first ever NAC playoff berth, the continued contributions of both players will be vital to their success.

On the men's side, one player has been added to the team's roster. Alvin Durrett is

a freshman from Willimantic, Conn. and is in college for the first time this spring semester. Durrett plans to study Music Business and Industry alongside his commitment to the basketball team.

"I've been back and forth between Connecticut and Georgia. I was supposed to go to another school but it didn't work out," said Durrett. "So this guy I know, he coaches at Elms College, he's a close family friend. I told him I wanted to go to school this semester because I didn't go last semester. He said 'alright, I have a few people in mind for you'. He called coach Krupinski, who got in contact with me, so I came up and liked it."

D.J. Campbell, Emmitt Simpson and Vaughn Johnson

left the team after the first semester, and Patrick Thomas will be withdrawing from the college within the next few days. Durrett made his debut as a Hornet off the bench on Tuesday with nine points and six assists in Lyndon's rout of Johnson. Once he gets more practices under his belt, Durrett may be featured more often on the court.

"If Alvin is a better guy, we'll work him into the rotation," said head coach Joe Krupinski. "He got to play quite a bit Tuesday night and did a nice job. I think Alvin's a good player; I'd like to think anyone that we suit up has a chance to contribute. If he deserves to be in there, he'll be in there."

What we've learned: stats aren't everything

Phil Alexander and Kevin Lessard
Critic Columnists

Individual statistics have a weird way of telling the story of a game.

Quarterback Caleb Hanie of the Chicago Bears and quarterback Mark Sanchez of the New York Jets are not exactly your typical household names, yet they recently turned in quality performances.

Before the National Football Conference Championship Game, Caleb Hanie had only attempted 14 passes in his two NFL seasons. After

quarterback Jay Cutler went down with a sprained MCL and Cutler's backup Todd Collins was removed by the Chicago coaching staff, Hanie came off the bench to go 13-for-20 for 153 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Despite throwing two costly interceptions in the Bears 21-14 loss to the Green Bay Packers, Hanie helped spark the Chicago offense in the second half.

Though Mark Sanchez is a more accomplished NFL quarterback than Hanie, his performance against a tough Pittsburgh Steelers' defense was still remarkable. Sanchez

completed 20 of 33 passes for 233 yards, 2 touchdowns, and no interceptions in a 24-19 loss to the Steelers. What made the performance even more impressive was the fact that the Jets scored 19 unanswered points against a Pittsburgh defense that allowed the fewest points-per-game of any team in the regular season.

On the other sidelines were quarterbacks Aaron Rodgers of the Green Packers and Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Roethlisberger has enjoyed postseason success throughout his career, and Rodgers is learn-

ing what that success is after getting his first taste of postseason glory this season.

Rodgers, who has had a remarkable run through his first three postseason games (10 touchdowns, 1 interception), struggled against the Bears' defense in the NFC Championship Game. Rodgers completed 17 of 30 passes with no touchdowns and two interceptions. Statistically, Rodgers was the most inaccurate he has ever been in four postseason games.

Roethlisberger has led two Super Bowl-winning teams, and owned a postseason record of nine wins and

two losses going in to the American Football Conference Championship Game. However, Roethlisberger struggled, completing only 10 of 19 passes for 133 yards with no touchdowns and two interceptions. Like Rodgers, Roethlisberger played inconsistently throughout the night.

There is only one stat in the NFL that an entire team contributes to, and that is a win.

Despite what the individual quarterback statistics may say, the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers are going to the Super Bowl.



Mike Farmer, an LSC student, shows off for the crowd during Wednesday's ice climbing activity on the frozen fountain in the center of campus. Photo by Eric Wayne



The barn on McGoff Hill recently received a new roof.

Photo by Brian Lacharite

Old barn gets a makeover

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

After a \$10,000 fix up the old barn on the recently purchased property atop McGoff Hill is here to stay.

Last spring Lyndon State College purchased the property that is made up of 10 acres, a house and a barn. The property was once part of the Vail estate, the house was used as a guest house. A new heater and insulation has been placed in the house to preserve it over the winter.

According to Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration, the school spent the money to fix the roof on the barn to preserve it and over the winter. The improvements were made to the barn because of its unique history and design. It is also thought that if the building was to be reconstructed it would be nearly impossible to rebuild the way it was originally built to look.

Hamilton says that the property was purchased with no short-term plans in mind. It was more of a purchase with the future in mind.

Moore's journey from the Jersey Shore to Lyndonville

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

When most people think of Jersey Shore, President Carol Moore isn't typically who comes to their minds, but maybe she should.

Before receiving her doctorate at Northeastern University, Dr. Moore attended graduate school in Cape May, on the infamous Jersey Shore.

Growing up in Kearny, N.J., Moore knows what small town living is like. She lived with her family close enough to New York City to see the Empire State Building out of her back window, but says her small hometown is comparable to Lyndonville. After meeting her husband, Tom, her sophomore year of college, she graduated with a de-

gree in biology from Montclair State in Montclair, N.J., and furthered her education all the way to a doctorate degree. Part of sorority Kappa Delta Rho, Moore enjoyed things like homecoming and all the social events that came with being a sorority sister during her time at Montclair.

So how does a marine biologist end up as the president of a small Northeast Vermont college? It began when she began teaching at a community college in Massachusetts, where she was a part of the full-time faculty for seven years. A friend of her's was going to be the new academic dean, and turned to her when the position of chair of the science and technology department opened up.

"I was quite reluctant to

do so," Moore remembers, "but he was a friend and I did it as a favor to him. I did end up enjoying it."

Faced with the challenge of finding teaching positions in her field, Moore found it smart to stay in administrative roles. She moved to a private women's college and served as academic dean, and was then hired as dean of the undergraduate students at Leslie College. From there, Moore moved to Mercy College in New York and worked as provost for six years.

"I had always worked for new college presidents and had done a good job helping them, so I thought I'd take a shot," Moore said, recalling her thinking when the opportunity to come to Lyndon State College arose.

In 1998, Moore joined the team at Lyndon State College as president.

"I didn't get to interact with students much," said Moore of her experience at bigger schools. "The mission at Lyndon, about accessibility and opportunity, is one that is near and dear to my heart, so I said yes."

Some of her most rewarding moments as president include her conversations with students on campus.

"That's what gets me up every morning," Moore says of her connections with students. Moore also greatly appreciates the faculty and staff at Lyndon, saying, "We have a great group of people here. They're very committed to the students as well as the college. They've been a joy to

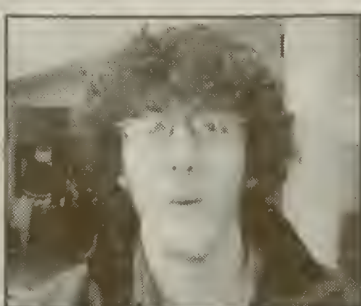
work with."

"Oh, budgeting, definitely," said Moore about her most challenging moments as president. "State funding is pitiful...it is a constant juggle trying to provide the best programs with so little funding. And of course, seeing tuition going up has been a challenge."

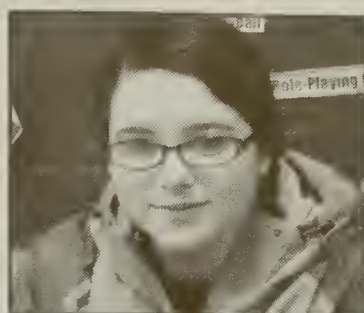
For the next 100 years, Moore hopes that Lyndon stays true to its mission, saying her "wish for the second century is for Lyndon to remain accessible for students, and for the hallmark of experiential learning to stay strong."

She hopes that the people working for Lyndon State College in the future are as committed as the people who are here now.

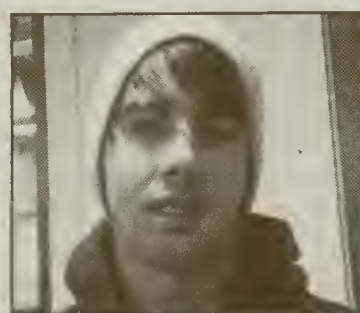
How do you feel about the proposed tuition increase?



Josh Grant
Sophomore
Environmental Science
"4 percent is fair."



Tela Lury
Freshman
Undecided
"It's already high as it is. Maybe one or two percent increase."



Connor O'Sullivan
Junior
Recreation Management
"That depends entirely on the student themselves. I'd say no increase is the best, but that's just my opinion."



Erin Milne
Sophomore
Math and Secondary Education
"Nobody likes an increase but if they have to to keep the quality of the program."

State of the Union address misses the point

Bob Patton
Critic Staff

There are times when I feel I am visiting another planet and watching another species with strange customs. I had that feeling when I sat through most of the State of the Union address. There was the man who was deeply "honored" to be able to introduce the president. Then there were those sitting in the peanut gallery looking bored or engaged in conversations with their neighbors, yet dutifully rising and mechanically applauding on cue every few minutes as if something earth-shaking had just been announced. I wondered how that might go over in a college classroom whenever a professor made a key point during

the lecture. Of course the State of the Union address was a political event so perhaps this approach should be confined to political science classes. What do you think? Then of course there were all those pundits who gathered like vultures to chew over the speech and figure out what had been said. There was a time when that sort of thing wasn't necessary. When Patrick Henry said, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death," everyone got the point without pundit analysis. When you stop and think about it, it's rather insulting to have a bunch of highly paid performers in the infotainment industry (formerly called journalism) tell you what an English-language

statement really meant. Transferring this to the classroom again, imagine a professorial assistant who at the end of each class took you aside and told you what the professor really said. To be fair about it, Barack Obama did not invent this whole meaningless exercise. His predecessors, Republicans and Democrats alike, went through exactly the same charades. All the same it would have been really refreshing if President Obama had begun by saying something like this: "My fellow Americans, I think you all know that our nation is in crisis. We are fighting costly bloody wars on two fronts and are looking for ways to guard our nation's security against the threat posed by new nuclear powers. Policies of the past have

exported our manufacturing capabilities to other countries and close to 20 percent of our people are still unemployed or underemployed. The strength of the American dollar has been undercut by generations of deficit spending followed by many trillions spent on war and bailouts of companies that pay their executives in a year more than most Americans earn in a lifetime. And then there's the problem identified long ago by Roosevelt: the fear of what he called "fear itself." And that fear has attacked the fundamental values of our country and caused us to ignore constitutional guarantees of liberty. Fear has reduced us to the point that we torture suspected enemies and paw the breasts and genitals of old

ladies at airports. Habeas corpus, although guaranteed by the Constitution, is but a dim memory and remotely controlled drones can now fly over your homes and peer into your windows without search warrants. There are no easy answers to these problems but I would like to share our best thinking on how we can begin to map and travel a road leading to an economic revival, the restoration of the American dollar, and a renewed commitment to the ideal of liberty. Because of the importance of these issues, I ask that you refrain from applause during my presentation and hope that you will give it the full attention it deserves." Well, I can dream can't I?

What grades should really mean

To the Editor:

I am proud to be a part of Lyndon State College as we enter a second century of service to our students and our region and state. In a recent e-mail to the college community, President Moore, who is also justifiably proud, noted that we are "poised for transformation" and that we are "here for our students."

I note her use of the term "transformation," which in its variant forms (transformative, transformational) is the current conveyor of deep meaning in government, business and education. We have gone from "change is good" to "transformation is essential if we are to remain relevant and survive." Who in his or her right mind is going to quibble with messages of such grave import?

Well, not me.... IF we educators can agree that mistakes are sometimes made and that changing back is OK. Let me give a simple but important example of what I mean by showing how grades have been transformed since I arrived on campus in the Fall semester of 1982. I refer to the 1981-82, 2000-01, and 2010-2011 LSC catalogues:

1981-82	A+, A, A- 4.0 Superior performance, highest competency
	B+, B, B- 3.0 High performance
	C+, C, C- 2.0 Average performance, satisfactory competency

D+, D, D- 1.0 Minimum pass, does not satisfy GER or degree program requirements	
F 0.0 Failure	
FN 0.0 Failure-Neglect - Assigned by Registrar upon advice of instructor that student has failed to achieve minimum attendance.	
2000-01	
A+, A, A- 4.0	Highest competency
A- 3.7	
B+ 3.3	
B 3.0	Moderate competency
B- 2.7	
C+ 2.3	
C 2.0	Satisfactory competency
C- 1.7	
D+ 1.3	
D 1.0	Minimum competency, does not satisfy GEU or program requirements
D- 0.7	
F 0.0	Inadequate competency
2010-11	
A+ 4.00	Credit earned Yes
A 4.00	Yes
A- 3.70	Yes
B+ 3.30	Yes
B 3.00	Yes
B- 2.70	Yes
C+ 2.30	Yes
C 2.00	Yes
C- 1.70	Yes
D+ 1.30	Yes
D 1.00	Yes
D- 0.70	Yes
F 0.00	No

I appreciate that we made changes to point value, but deeply regret that we jettisoned as grade descriptors the terms "superior," "high," "moderate," "satisfactory," "failure" and "failure/neglect." (I do agree that "inadequate competency" had to go. Did we mean to say "incompetent" without actually.... you know....having to say it?). It seems that we have consciously removed important points of reference, and the resulting system obfuscates a student's achievements. So, if we are truly "here for our students," we might consider developing a grading system that communicates more clearly and meaningfully one's achievement or lack thereof.

Sincerely,
Timothy Miles Sturm, Ph. D.
Professor of Education and Special Education



Comic by Cassie Belanger

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Student races to the finish line with Legacy

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

People at Lyndon State College all have unique hobbies and interests, and one member of the custodial staff is no exception.

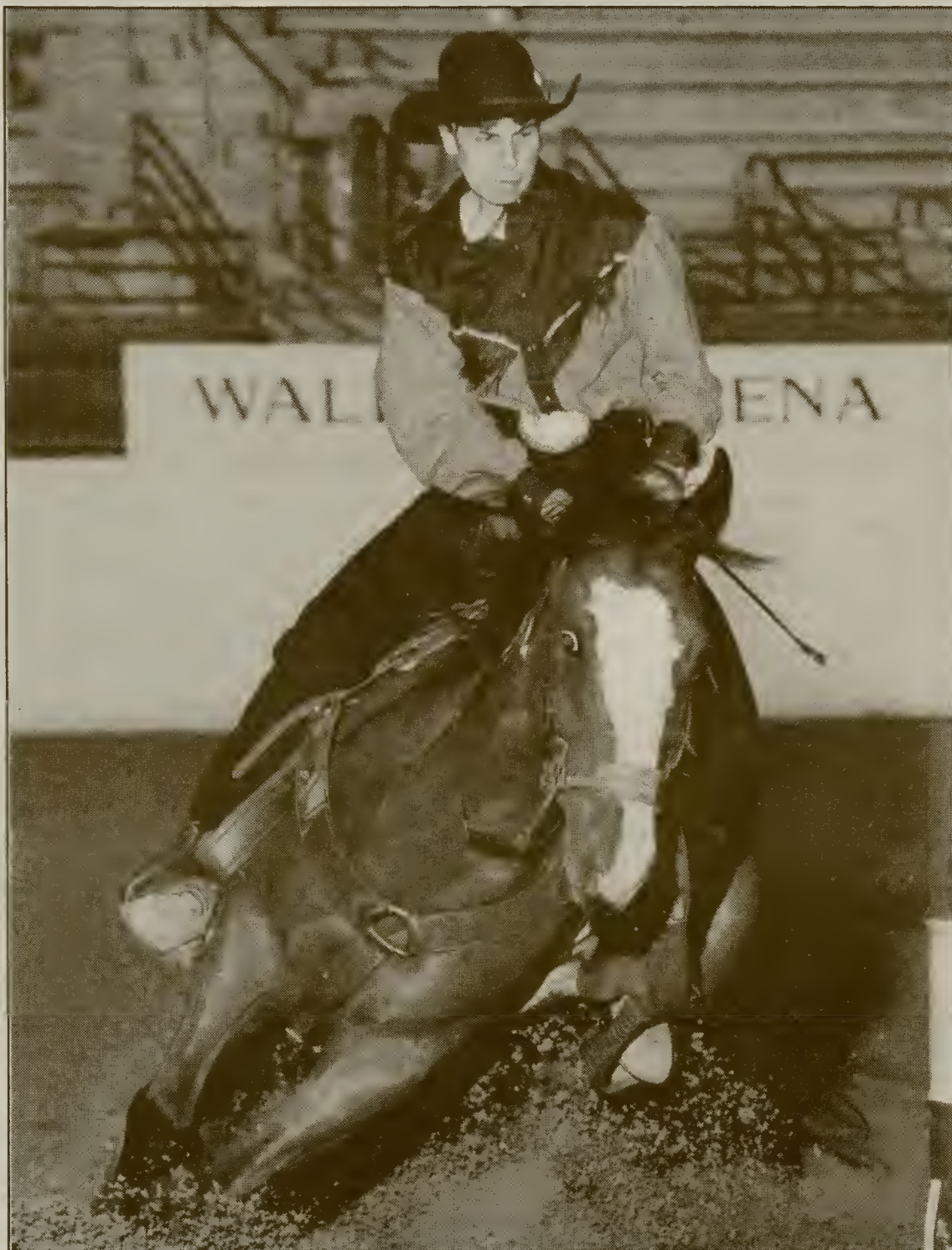
Chris Seymour, a custodian and part-time student at LSC, competed in the National Barrel Horse Association World Finals in October 2010. She raced her horse, Kon's Smooth Legacy, who is a registered eight year old paint. She broke her leg in November 2007 and was almost put down when veterinarians diagnosed the horse would never be ridden again.

She participated in three runs, completing the first run in 18.2 seconds and the second in 18.4 seconds. Because of her scoring in the first two races she competed in the jackpot run which took place just after a chiropractor looked at Legacy and helped pop her shoulder back into place. She completed the jackpot run in 17.2 seconds, which was just over a second longer than the winning run.

Seymour made about \$400 for the run but spent much more to compete in the event. She spent \$940 in fuel alone to drive down and back.

"What a blast! Just seeing the venue itself down there was an experience. It was the largest ever used. They usually average 700-800 horses and it was 1404 horses racing this time which was their largest ever competition," Seymour said, adding that the experience itself was what made this whole trip worthwhile.

"One thing I noticed that



LSC student and custodian Chris Seymour races with Kon's Smooth Legacy. Photo courtesy of Chris Seymour

I didn't see at nationals, but worlds, 90 percent of horses are on some sort of supplement, or enhancement. They are spending about \$500 a month just in supplements. It surprised the hell out of me. It makes me think of the base-

ball players, illegal for them but legal for our horses," she said.

Due to how well they did in the competition, Legacy is already qualified for nationals in August and worlds in October.

Nationals will take place in Lexington, Va. Seymour is not sure if they will be able to compete in either, but plans to continue to race.

Seymour plans to continue to race Legacy as long as she is able to. A horse that al-

most was put down to a broken leg, or at best used as a breeding horse, is not just able to compete in races but excelled in her runs.

Seymour graduated in December with her associate degree in business administration at LSC. She is now going for her bachelor's degree and anticipates graduating in 2012. She works full-time and is currently taking two classes.

"It is sometimes difficult to work full time and go to school," she said. She is working with her boss to not work overtime on days that she has classes. A normal day for Seymour begins on campus at 4:30 a.m. and ends between 1 to 4 p.m. but even once she finishes work, she still has chores with the horses, being a mother, her own homework, and if there is time she can relax before she has to do it all over again the next day.

Once she achieves her bachelor's degree, Seymour wants to do something with equine.

"There are just so many possibilities out there. Something eventually will pop into my head and I will just go for it," she said.

It took almost three years to get her associate degree due to being a part-time student. She also continued to take summer courses.

"It's kind of neat," she said, "To have your name called and go up and get my degree. A December graduation is a December graduation; it's just the fact I finally got it done and I'm still plugging on."

CAB president announces surprising resignation

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

In a move that surprised many members of the Campus Activities Board, President Dan Haycock has announced his resignation.

CAB is a staple student-run organization found at most colleges and universities. Bringing various activities from comedians to magicians to make-your-own-street-sign events; Lyndon State's CAB is responsible for providing entertainment to students, giving us all something fun to do. The original president of this year's group, junior Social Sciences major Haycock, took the event-sponsoring group by surprise

when he declared his resignation as CAB president.

"I decided to step away as President of CAB for personal reasons," Haycock explained in an emailed statement. "I have an extremely heavy course load this semester which is necessary for my graduation, and I need to put my academic responsibilities first."

Haycock announced his resignation at the weekly CAB executive board meeting on Jan. 25. Haycock told the rest of the board at Tuesday evening's meeting. According to CAB's constitution, the empty position is filled by the serving vice president, junior Electronic Journalism Arts major, Sarah Barraco.

"I was shocked," Barraco said of Haycock's resignation, but she's not worried about the added duties as president since she believes, "it all comes down to us [the executive board] working together."

The vice president position is currently not filled by anyone, but CAB's executive board members including secretary Brian Stone, treasurer Ashley Gonier, and SGA representative Sean Siciliano, are not worried about delegating tasks.

"The duties go to whoever they best fit," said Siciliano. "Just because Brian is the secretary doesn't mean he has to make all the posters."

CAB adviser Kayla Car-

lozzi expressed the same reaction as Barraco, saying she was also shocked by the resignation and didn't see it coming.

"It'd be different if we had more to do, but all the programming is done for the rest of the semester. We just have to move forward now," Carlozzi said, saying she doesn't anticipate any problems with the shift in positions.

Barraco isn't worried about the change in leadership either, since there is an understanding that if she gets overwhelmed with any workload she might take on, she can ask any other board members for help.

Haycock informed the ex-

ecutive board that he will attend meetings when he is available and will help out with upcoming events when he can. Haycock has faith in Barraco's capability as president.

"I am very proud of what my team has done so far this year, and my hope is that Sarah Barraco will continue that, and end the year strong," Haycock said.

Those interested in filling the vacant vice president seat should contact the executive board, according to Carlozzi. This year's CAB is made up of 15-20 members, with an average meeting attendance of 15 people. For an updated list of CAB events, visit www.lyndonstate.edu/events.

New Hornet logo gets modifociations

Erin Milne
Critic Staff

Lyndon State College's new hornet logo received some changes over the semester break.

The biggest change is the addition of a T-shirt bearing the number 1, said Keith Chamberlin, director of communications and marketing. The T-shirt was added to make the logo more gender-neutral, Chamberlin said. The logo previously depicted a hornet with a more masculine upper body.

Other small changes, which Chamberlin called "tweaking," were also made. These included making the outlines bolder, making small changes to the hornet's hand, and adding a little more muscle definition to the arms. Chamberlin said Lyndon typically makes such changes when a new design is transformed from a prototype to the final image.

The new logo was revealed on Dec. 12, 2010. The design, created by graphic design major Nate Spring, was chosen from 15 entries in a contest to design a new logo. The contest, which was open to all LSC students, was held last semester after it was discovered during an investigation by The Critic that LSC's

old hornet logo is copyrighted by Georgia Tech. According to Chamberlin members of the admissions and visual arts departments, as well as President Carol Moore, judged the contest.

The new logo is already being implemented around campus, especially in the athletics department.

"We're excited to use it," Director of Athletics Christopher Ummer said. He added that the new logo is now being used on LSC's athletics website as well as the NAC website. The logo is also now appearing on signage, e-mails, and brochures. The logo will appear on the Stannard Gym floor after the floor is repainted this summer.

Ummer said the new logo is beginning to appear on some teams' outerwear, such as jackets, but has yet to appear on team uniforms. The logo will begin to show on uniforms this fall as uniforms get replaced. Uniforms are replaced every three years, Ummer said, meaning some teams will not feature the logo for another three years.

Not all teams chose to have the hornet displayed on their uniforms, Ummer said. He added that the baseball and softball teams do not use the hornet on their uniforms.



Locally grown artist wins hornet logo contest

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

Nate Spring, a senior graphic design major, had the winning design for the new hornet logo. Spring, who graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in St. Johnsbury, Vt., has always had a passion for drawing.

"I've been drawing my whole life," said Spring. Spring took as many art courses as he could in high school. Graphic design became a real possibility for Spring when he studied computer aided drafting at SJA. He wanted to stay in the area

and he chose Lyndon State College because of its location and it offered a degree in graphic design.

He entered the contest for the new hornet logo because he enjoyed the test. "I really enjoy challenges," Spring said. "I thought it would be a really interesting contest to take part in."

Making the new logo was not as simple as drawing a new hornet. "The biggest challenge was making something that has not been done before. There is a lot of art work out there," said Spring. "Something as important as a

logo design, you have to do an extensive amount of research beforehand just to make sure you are not infringing upon someone else's work. The actual creation was its own challenge."

Spring plans to test the job market when he graduates in the fall and possibly work at a creative studio or marketing. He also hopes to attend graduate school in a few years.

The contest was enjoyable for Spring and would do it again. "It was a fun project," Spring said. "I'd be up for another challenge like this."

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

DEC. 12

*Sunday driver!
Stonehenge Parking Lot
Reckless driving

DEC. 13

*Should've had a V8.
College Road
Car crashes into light pole

JAN. 12

*Don't try to smoke those.
ASAC
Two plants stolen

JAN. 13

*Oooh, tough guy.
S.H.A.P.E.
Vandalism - broken table

JAN. 16

*Way to go, Madi.
Rita Bole Complex
Elevator alarm

JAN. 17

*Boom goes the dynamite.
Arnold
Exploding microwave

JAN. 22

*Are you talking to me?
Wheelock
Threatening behavior

JAN. 23

*Wonder what they were doing...
Vail
Three stuck in elevator

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Eating with Em

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Chef's Corner

I hope everyone had a great break and the start of your semester is going well. I myself am finding it slightly difficult to get back into the swing of the college life, homework and classes. This treat that I decided to share with you is quick and easy to make and also affordable for any college students budget. It can be made as a snack while you're doing homework or perhaps brought to class. It's not only delicious but healthy as well, and it is also so simple that anyone can make it. No oven or microwave is needed, just a mixing bowl, ingredients and a spoon.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Honey Peanutty Dip

Ingredients:

1 cup Smooth Peanut Butter
1/3 cup Honey
2/3 cup Milk
1 tsp Cinnamon (optional)

Instructions:

Mix together peanut

butter, honey, and milk in a large mixing bowl. Stir until smooth. Pour into a serving bowl and serve with bananas, apples, pretzels or anything else you think may go well with it.

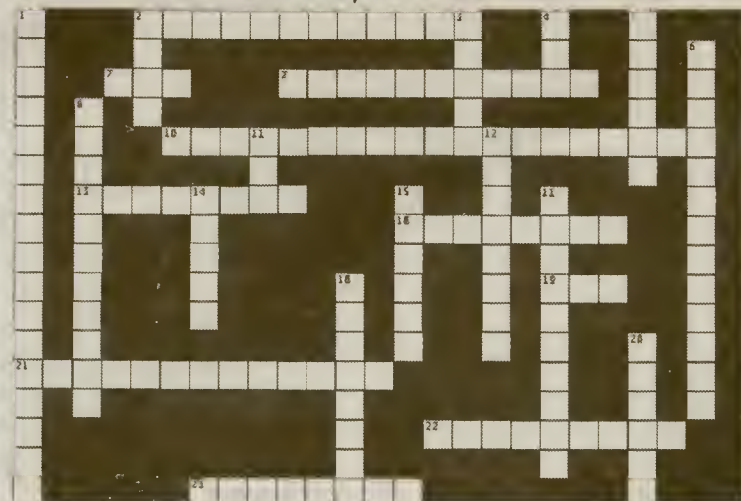
Nutritional Aspect

There are very few ingredients in this recipe, which makes it quite cheap and easy to make. Peanut butter is very good for you as long as you don't have a peanut allergy. It is a great source of protein. This helps repair body tissues and develop new ones, and also to make antibodies which help prevent disease and infections. Honey is also great for you as it contains many nutrients such as magnesium, potassium, calcium, iron and the list goes on. Also, if you eat local honey it can help with your seasonal allergies.

If you want a helpful website for more peanut butter recipes or information check out: peanutbuterlovers.com

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu

Campus Clubs



Across

2. Advances the knowledge and opportunities for both men and women in the journalism field.
7. Encourages superior academic achievement among students and their first year of college.
8. George Bush.
10. Firefighters and EMTs.
13. An opportunity to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist young adults in personal development.
17. Athletic club. Competes at different spots throughout New England with a round object.
19. Manages and host a national conference for students all over the country.
21. Athletic. These guys are really quick on their feet.
22. These students are really good at the natural sciences, mathematics, and computer sciences.
23. Mixed martial arts and self-defense.

Down

1. BUY, BUY, BUY, no sell sell sell.
2. Let the music play.
3. Animation from Japan.
4. Interacts in a social setting pertaining to computer gaming.
5. Athletic club. Plays games down the hill.
6. Creative and artsy.
9. Athletic. Performs at all the basketball games.
11. Uses various books as well as their own creations to portray elaborate plots of fantasy worlds.
12. This club likes to wear weird shoes and make things fall over.
14. Athletic club. Kind of like football, but not really.
15. Mountains and rivers and fun.
16. This club investigated Wheelock.
18. Lights, camera, action!
20. A news source on campus.

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Fun February Festivities

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

The Campus Activity Board has kept us entertained year after year with so many different events.

The fierce, frigidly frightful month of February may come with plenty of cold weather, but CAB has some things in store that will warm you right up. Everything from laughs to snacks to even mind manipulation. Here is what we can all look forward to in the month of February:

2/3 – Don Barnhart: Comedian and Hypnotist @ 9 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre.

This award-winning comedian has worked on cruise ships, landlocked comedy clubs, and even for corporate events across the United States. You may have even seen Barnhart on ABC, CBS,

FOX, MTV and NBC. If you are one that likes the combination of comedy and mind boggling hypnosis indulge in this spectacular event that is sure to have you laughing so hard you may just have to cry!

2/8 – Chocolate Lollipops from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Center

If you feel like satisfying your sweet tooth, swing by the Student Center and make yourself the chocolate lollipop of your dreams and give yourself the energy kick that you may be in dire need of.

2/10 – Mr. Lyndon Competition @ 9 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre

This beauty pageant for men of Lyndon State College is the event that will kick off the Winter Weekend! After being judged, the winner will be rewarded the Mr. Lyndon 2011 title and a well-earned

\$50 Visa Gift Card. Interested? Stop by the Student Activities and Leadership Center and sign up today.

2/11-2/12 – Winter Weekend

Compete in the various events, which will be listed in your weekly e-mails by forming a team of three to six fellow students. The two days of competitions will end with a warm and toasty bonfire.

The final and most cinematic events are the movies show on Tuesday @ 9 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre and on Thursday @ 3 p.m. in the Academic and Student Activity Center (ASAC 100).

Here is the schedule for these movies:

2/1 and 2/6 –

Paranormal Activity 2

2/8 and 2/13 – Due Date

2/15 and 2/17 – Megamind

Jackass 3D movie review

Ethan Mitchell
Critic Staff

The first Jackass show aired on MTV in 2000 and now, over ten years later, they are still putting on a show for fans everywhere. The guys we know as the Jackass crew include Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Ryan Dunn, "Steve-O," and Chris Pontius to name a few. After their two years on air and after two previous movies, Jackass 3D was announced to release in October 2010.

What they do may be described as crazy, juvenile, immature, and even utterly idiotic; however, they have seemed to create an ever-growing following. Despite whether you like Jackass or not: looking at the quality of the movies as a whole, it's a great piece. The filming and visual effects alone make Jackass 3D a movie worth watching.

Visually, no one can disagree that Jackass 3D was phenomenal. For 3D, the film was right on the money – in the sense that it's worth paying extra for it. Of course, that is if you don't mind the puke, feces, and some unmentionable things coming straight for you.

Seriously though, even in 2D, the effects are utilized so well. The slow motion close-ups were particularly visually

stimulating in the 2D edit, and even more memorable was the movie's finale. This isn't some intense science fiction visual effects in any sense, but it is what works for Jackass. Jackass 3D is best seen in the original format if you're a true fan.

In a filming aspect, the films have been good every time: extreme angles, hidden cameras, close-ups, and "on board" cameras. It's very hard to critique Jackass 3D in a traditional sense, for it is not the traditional movie. There are examples of great directing, though.

As I mentioned previously, the slow motion close-ups stick out. For instance, the "Rocky" segments were captured perfectly using that close angle, and the slow motion pulled it all together. Specifically creative was the "crotch-cam." The different types of shots and angles give the director a versatile arsenal to work with. The mixing and matching of film styles is probably one of the most unique things about the Jackass films. It takes a creative and flexible director to put together a movie like Jackass 3D and make it work.

Pranks are probably my favorite part of the film, and it shows that the stars can actually act – and not just like Jackasses. Johnny Knoxville's grandpa character is a famil-

iar face that we see again in the third installment. Regardless of how absurd the character may be, Knoxville has him down to a tee. No, he doesn't have rehearsed lines, but there are also no retakes; Knoxville isn't playing that character, he is that character. It may not seem like these guys act on the surface, but there is a craft to what they do.

We can't forget about what Jackass is. The film delivered just what you would expect from the gang, and they made sure not to lack in the nauseating department. If you liked them in 2000, you will like them now; however, I did find some sketches to be repetitive. For a majority of the film though, the crew laid out a whole new playbook. If you like to laugh, aren't weak of stomach, and enjoy watching grown men be fools, then make sure to check out Jackass 3D.



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Banners celebrate Lyndon's 100 years

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

There are new banners on the light posts around school to commemorate Lyndon State College's centennial.

"We are doing different things to recognize the college's 100 anniversary," said Keith Chamberlin, the director of communications and marketing. "This seemed like a natural opportunity to freshen up what is out there."

There are 100 light posts with new banners using 13 designs. The majority of the banners portray the centennial; while the rest depict different aspects of life around campus; such as the new hornet logo, history of the school, as well as athletics.

"They were deliberately picked to show a couple different slices of student life," said Chamberlin.

There are banners that celebrate T.N. Vail and Rita Bole as well as a comparison of the old Vail mansion with the current Academic and Student Activity Center.

They took a few months to complete when the process started in October.

"We finalized them the first week of January," said Chamberlin. "It took 15 days to get them manufactured."

The cost of the banners was almost half of what the previous banners cost five years ago. They cost \$25 apiece while the old banners cost \$45 for the same material. The total cost of the banners including setup was less than \$3000.

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Professor of mountain recreation and adventure program director Jamie Struck climbs the frozen fountain in the center of campus. There will be weekly climbs during the winter months for students to participate in.

Photo by Eric Wayne

LSC student arrested for assault

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

A Lyndon State College student has been removed from campus and is facing several charges, including assault.

Peter Carson, 20, is facing charges of assault, unlawful restraint, vandalism, and underage drinking after he

allegedly attacked a female residence hall director and a public safety officer around 4:30 a.m. Saturday. When police arrived on the scene Carson was uncooperative until a K9 unit showed its presence.

Reportedly Carson has been removed from campus.

Jonathan Davis, Associate Dean of Student

Affairs, directed all questions regarding the case to Bob Whittaker, Dean of Institutional Advancement.

Whittaker was unable to be reached for comment before publication.

Davis did say that in any case such as this one there are several steps the college takes. The student is immediately removed from campus, including all classes and campus privileges.

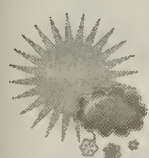
"That is the safest thing for us to do in those cases," said Davis. The student is then given a hearing within 10 days of the incident.

"We would never deny a student due process," Davis said.

In addition to a hearing on campus in the coming days Carson will also appear in Caledonia County Court to answer to the charges on March 21.

Weekend Weather Outlook: National Weather Service

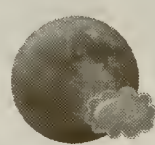
Friday:



HIGH
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SW 5-10

► Sunny in the morning with a 30% chance of snow in the afternoon.

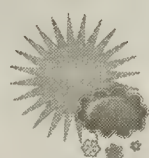
Friday night:



LOW
-5° » 5°
WINDS
LIGHT

► Partly cloudy until midnight then clearing.

Saturday:



HIGH
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► Mostly sunny in the morning. 50% chance of snow in the afternoon.

Saturday night:



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LIGHT

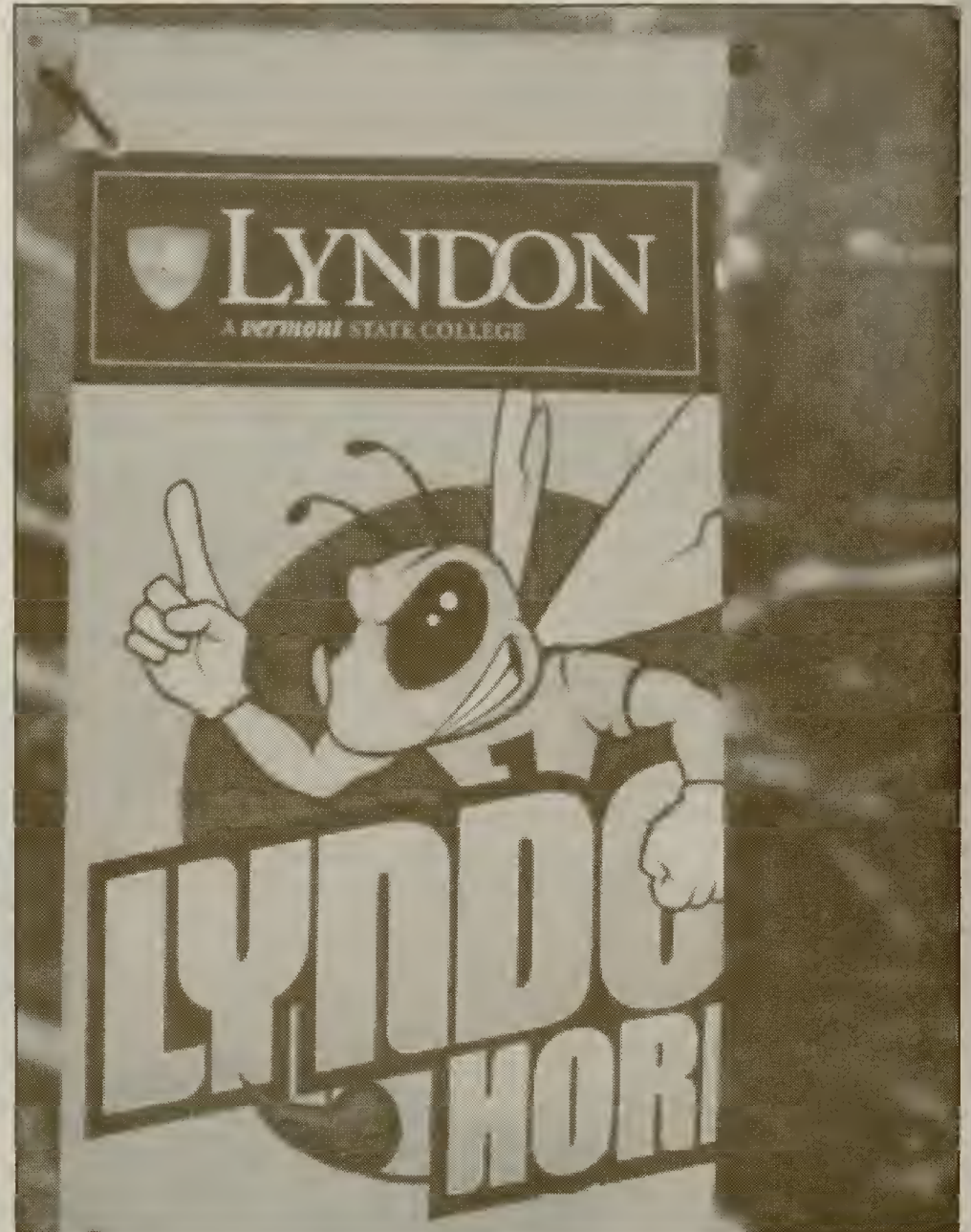
► 70% chance of snow. Light snow accumulation overnight.

Sunday:



HIGH
25°
WINDS
LIGHT

► Cloudy with a 50% chance of snow showers.



New banners for birthday

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"It is a lot of face lift for not a lot of money," said Chamberlin, adding the reason for the drop in price for making the banners themselves, "The technology has become much more accessible, much more widely available, and much more competitive."

There are also plans to let the town know about LSC's big year.

"We are hoping to get a banner across Main Street sometime in the next month or two," said Chamberlin. "The sorts of things an institution does at this juncture just to remind people of our presence here and how important this college is to the region and the students it serves."

New banners around campus celebrate 100 years at Lyndon State College.

Photos by Eric Wayne

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

JAN. 27

*Have you seen this person?
Vail

Father trying to locate son

*Where are my oven mitts?

Rita Bole

Burnt food

*Drop the spray-paint.

LAC

Vandalism in stairwell

JAN. 28

*How old are you?

Stonehenge

Underage drinking

*911!

Crevecoeur

Medical emergency

JAN. 29

*Can't we all get along?

Stonehenge

Assault, underage drinking,
excessive noise

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Strokanov returns to LSC following sabattical

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Professor Alexandre Strokanov of the social sciences department is back at Lyndon State College following his sabattical last semester.

During his sabattical Strokanov kept busy with many projects, and he says he was as busy during his sabattical as he is during a regular semester. He kept busy working with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) as part of the Steering Committee.

He spent most of his time working on a book and a presentation for a conference he will be attending concerning municipal management in Vermont.

He is also working with a professor from Russia, comparing their different management systems and trying to improve them.

He is working on things for the Russia Institute, such as expanding course offerings and working with local schools to teach more classes on Russian language and culture, along with refreshing and modifying his own

coursework. He also concluded and submitted an article about unrecognized states that he has been working on for a while.

Strokanov has been busy with organizing his trips that he offers to LSC students.

For the spring semester he will be taking students to Russia, Italy, and Greece; the Russia trip is full, but there are still openings in the Italy/Greece trip for any students interested. After graduation, in May, he will be going to England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland, and there are still openings for that trip.

In June, he will return to Russia with another group of students. He wishes to also have a trip in November 2011, and is open to any suggestions students have.

In 2012, Strokanov wants to have a January, February, and April trip, but destinations are still up in the air. In January he would like to go someplace warm, such as Egypt, India or Spain. In February he is also considering Egypt, Spain and India, along with Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, or China in order to be a part of the Chinese New Year celebrations.

For April, the proposals have been Italy and Greece, or just Italy. For January, February and April, students are asked to provide suggestions. In May 2012, he will be going to Australia and either the Great Barrier Reef or New Zealand.

Strokanov asks that any students with requests should get their suggestions to him and when there is enough interest he will organize a trip to those places. He recommends watching your e-mails for any updates he sends out pertaining to trips.



Photo by Brian Lacharite

The Doppler on Wheels (DOW) will be at Lyndon State College until Feb. 18. It will be deployed to gather weather data, and will track precipitation using the Doppler Effect. It was deployed on Wednesday at the Caldeonia County Airport to track the weather system moving through. The DOW is currently at LSC because of a \$22,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. Students are welcome to watch the DOW in action while it remains on campus.

Brown House offers care packages to sick students

Jessica Walsh
News Correspondent

It's that time of the year again when sneezing, coughing and blowing your nose are almost second nature, but the Brown House is here to help.

Welcome to cold season, where hand sanitizer is a godsend, and soft tissues are your best friends. Living on a college campus, students have a much greater chance of catching a cold, or even the flu. Students who live in the residence halls are in close contact with one another, where germs can breed on the door-knobs, showers, and sinks.

Last year Lyndon State College was struck by the swine flu in early November, just like many other college campuses around the U.S.

So what will happen this year? The flu has yet to hit LSC, but the nurses at the Brown House say that the virus is in the area, and in the next couple of weeks it should be directly on campus.

"Students should be washing their hands con-

stantly, while drinking plenty of fluids and getting plenty of sleep," said Paula Chamberlin, Administrative Assistant for Health and Counseling.

She also said that the college has seen a much healthier year compared to last. She predicts that the next couple of weeks will be the turning point, where many students will come down with the flu.

When students do get sick and need things like tissues, cough drops and decongestion medication a trip to the local Rite Aid can be costly. The Brown House actually provides all these aids, and guess what? It's free!

"I've been sending a lot of kids home with care packages, with cough syrup, ibuprofen, and Sudafed," said Chamberlin. "That's what we can do for them."

She also noted that most students don't know that the Brown House provides items like this. So get ready for these next couple of weeks, stock up on tissues, stop by the Brown House for a care package, and keep washing your hands. Before you know it, the flu will be here.

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Al Gore's good news for skiers

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

According to Al Gore, all that snow around us is the result of global warming. That's good news for all those skiers who thought they needed to focus more on golf and surfing.

But what is the real story on global warming?

There is little doubt that there are climate changes underway. But why are these changes occurring and so what? Are human activities at least partly responsible for warming trends and can

changes in human activities prevent or slow the process? And does this all really matter? Are we in danger of extinction if something is not done very soon?

Why don't we assume the worst? Imagine that if climate change is ignored, billions will die and global civilization as we know it will slip into a dark age. That would be pretty serious. So what solutions to this imminent disaster are being offered?

Have you heard of carbon credits? The way it would work is that an enterprise that didn't dump lots of green-

house gases into the atmosphere would receive credits, that is licenses, to dump the stuff that they avoided dumping. Then they could turn around and sell those credits to another enterprise that really wanted to spew bad stuff into the air.

Does this make any sense at all? Already there are planned businesses that serve no economic function and couldn't possibly cover their operating expenses let alone turn a profit. But because these future enterprises would qualify for carbon credits, their sole reason for

existence would be to sell these credits at handsome profits to would-be polluters.

As a practical matter there are only two ways to reduce the carbon footprint of humanity.

We can drastically reduce the level of toxic substances that we spew in the air and water of the planet. Then we can end deforestation and begin to increase the land areas covered by forest all over the Earth.

If we do these two things on a large enough scale, one of two things will result. We may end or reverse the global

warming trend and we can congratulate ourselves on a job well done.

But we may find that the trend is caused by more than the activities of mere mortals and see warming continuing (at least until the beginning of the next ice age). Who would then stand up and complain that we were stuck with all this unnecessary clean air and clean water when all we wanted was cooler temperatures?

I wouldn't. Would you? So what are we arguing about?

What did you do on your snow day?



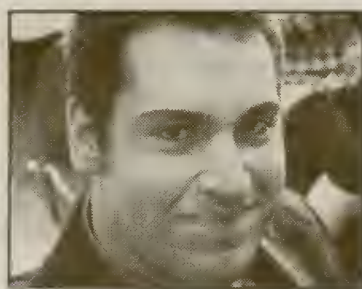
"I got stuck on campus. I went sledding by Rita Bole and flipped!"

Caitlin Kolson, Senior, MBI



"I did absolutely nothing."

Dave Daly, Junior, MBI



"I slept in, did meteorology homework, had dinner at a friend's house, and drank Foster's...Australian for beer!"

Evan Coughlin, Senior, TVS



"I slept in and played video games."

Nora Barney, Senior, MBI



Comic by Adam Whittier



Congratulations to Tori Loyer for winning the Critic's Photo of the Week contest for her photo of the snowy woods behind LSC!

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New layout for signs starts in LAC

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

The new sign above the writing center displays the latest color scheme for Lyndon State College.

"That's just us basically finishing up the basic signage on campus," said Keith Chamberlin, the director of communications and marketing. "That sign is subtly different from some of the others."

The new layout comes from a change in school color scheme the college made years ago.

"When the signs were designed for the campus the entire suite of signage was designed the year before we

changed the college's logo and color scheme," said Chamberlin. "The color schemes and the graphic dress of the signage on campus do not dovetail as neatly as we would like with the rest of the graphic (identification) for the college."

The previous scheme was three colors with a dark and light green background separated by a yellow border. The new color scheme now has two colors with a dark green background and a thinner yellow border.

The rest of the layout is the same such as the same font and same use of space. "As we incorporate any new signage it would reflect this slightly new change," said

Chamberlin. "It's been a long time coming."

A sign currently in the works, which would use this new scheme, will be used to clear up confusion on how to get to the admissions office as well as ASAC 100. Because of the layout of the new ASAC building and its connection to the Vail building, it can be puzzling where exactly Admissions is located.

"There is a sign there that says third floor Vail and when you walk in there you proba-

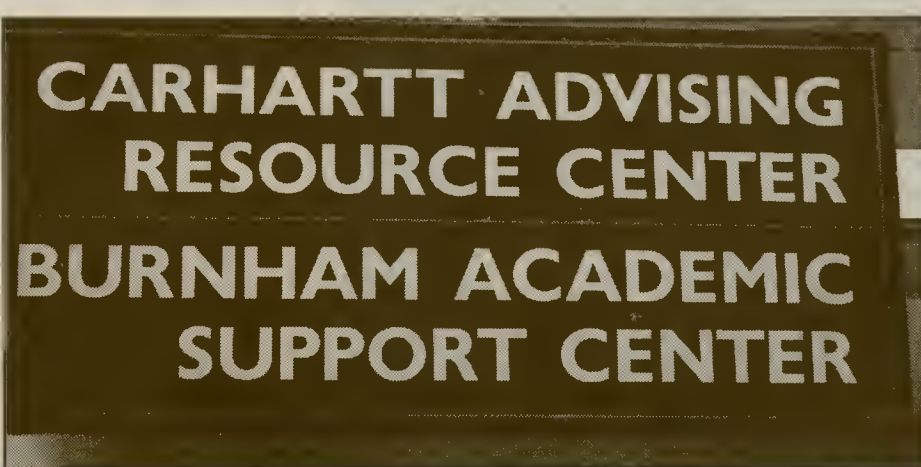


Photo by Sam Monroe

bly would never think that you are going to the third floor," said Chamberlin. "If I look out the window (of my office) I think it is the first floor, but if you are (at the ASAC entrance) you think it is the second floor."

This new sign should clear up the uncertainty by pointing up the stairs to another sign pointing toward Admissions eliminating the floor and building explanation.



After the first failed attempt, LSC Atmospheric Science students begin preparation to launch a second weather balloon on Wednesday, February 2. The balloon measured temperature, pressure, and wind speed in the atmosphere.

Photo by Eric Wayne

Meal plans: good or bad?

Diana Cogger
News Correspondent

We all have to eat, right? At Lyndon State, all on campus residents are required to carry some sort of a meal plan except for those living in Rita Bole. What are the pros and cons to having a meal plan built into your bill?

If you have a meal plan, you have a guaranteed meal or meals every day. You also get points to use at the snack bar. You do not have to pay any extra all year to eat, because the basic needs are covered. The dining hall provides a menu and all you can eat service for anyone who scans in.

If you don't have a meal plan you can cook what you want when you want it. You also have more options, in both time and selection. The dining hall provides food every day, but there are normally only a few choices and the hours are restricting. If you want to eat any time after 6:30 p.m. you have to do it somewhere else. If you cook your own food, in Rita Bole or off cam-

pus, you can have what you want, not whatever is being served that day. The catch is you have to buy the food and cook it; no one is going to do that for you, unless you live at home.

"I would prefer to cook my own food because all the dining hall has is fried crap, it's too loud, and it's not open late enough, I mean if I want to eat at like 7pm I can't because it's closed," said "T" Willenburg, a junior digital media major. "I'm not made of money and the meal plans are overpriced for what you get."

Other students like the convenience of having food cooked for them.

"I love to cook but I don't really have the time, so the option to have a cheaper meal plan but also cook on my own would be the best one for me. I can cook when I have the time but can still eat when I don't have the time to cook it. I guess what I'm saying is that I would like to have the commuter option while living on campus," Caro Byrne a freshman in music production said.

New budgeting procedure to begin soon, exec board optimistic

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Club budgets are in the hands of elected representatives this year as the Student Government Association begins its newly adopted budgeting procedure.

"It was a collaborative idea," Executive Vice President Rachel Keller said of the changes from last year. "We all knew that budgeting needed to be changed a little bit to become more efficient and unbiased and less personal, more business."

The finance committee, made up of all elected repre-

sentatives, will look through each club's proposed budget for the next year and make reductions on items it deems unnecessary. This continues until the overall budget reaches the 'magic number' that the college has to offer clubs. That number is kept secret to avoid budget cuts for the sake of speeding up the process.

While the SGA executive board (made up by President John Kleinhans, Executive Vice President Keller, Administrative Vice President Dave Daly, and Financial Controller Nick Russo) will be able to attend the finance committee

meetings and make suggestions, they are not voting members of the committee. The proposed budget created by the finance committee must be ready to be presented to the SGA body by the first week of March.

If club representatives disagree with the proposals made by the committee, the procedure will shift back to the ways of previous years, and phases of proposing cuts will begin among the entire SGA body. However, if clubs accept the terms set by the committee, they will be approved and move forward.

According to Keller, the

decision to suggest changes in the budgeting procedure last year was a collaborative effort between herself, Kleinhans, then-president Andrew Chapin, Tim Cappalli and others. The previous procedure, which involved the entire SGA voting to cut items from each club's budget, often became emotional and lengthy, with some meetings lasting late into the evenings and early hours of the next day.

Last year, the SGA asked the student body to vote on the changes, which is required any time changes are proposed to the constitution.

The new process is designed to eliminate biases from members of the SGA.

"They have to give us a list of any clubs that they're in and they're not allowed to vote on budgets of clubs they're in," Keller said. "That's how we're hoping to alleviate any kind of bias from the elected reps."

If this budgeting procedure is successful, it may continue into future years. However, a constitution committee is formed every spring, and any changes or suggestions may be brought forth at that time.



Neko Case captivates

Ethan Mitchell
Critic Staff

What I love about Neko Case is the band's raw talent. I will blatantly tell you that I am in no way a fan of folk music; however, I do appreciate music for what it is. Neko Case's performance at Lyndon State College was phenomenal. The band played a set of over ten songs including "Maybe Sparrow," "People Got a Lotta Nerve," and "I Wish I Was the Moon." What I absolutely love about Neko Case is the versatility of the band.

During their set in the Alexander Twilight Theatre that evening, Neko Case implemented over ten instruments. Case herself played the acoustic guitar, ukulele, and electric guitar. Her voice was versatile as well, hitting the deep lows, and the high highs. The stage presence that one would normally look for in a rock concert was, for obvious reasons, almost non-existent. They were undoubtedly passionate though, and Case's humor brought a lively element to the performance. Even between songs there was never a dull moment.

It is hard to have a sound so unique in today's music industry, but being able to use a wide array of instruments certainly helps. These musicians are clearly talented, some playing as many as three different instruments during the set. Too many sounds can easily be overzealous, but Neko Case really pulled it off, and with what seemed like little effort.

The rhythm and timing were right on and the distinctive sounds of the banjo and cello were a breath of fresh air in conjunction with the drums, keys, tambourine, and the acoustic guitar. The simple use of multiple instruments had me hooked immediately. This was not your average four piece band.

Of course, Neko Case is probably known best for Case's voice. Without question, Neko Case has a quality to her vocals that is rarely heard. The pitch of the vocals is never the same from one song to another. In songs such as "Maybe Sparrow" and "I Wish I Was the Moon" Case showed that she could sing low and deep, but also utilize harmonies. With Neko and the band's second vocalist, they were able to create these beautiful sections of harmony that resonated through the theater. Case is also able to sustain incredibly high notes, which is rare in popular genres such as hip-hop or metal. These high notes grasp the ears, and the soul.

I will tell you plainly that Neko Case is well worth seeing live regardless of what genre of music you prefer. If you appreciate music for music in all its elements and totality, Neko Case will blow you away. The musical talents of all the members, including Case, are unbelievable. The band is well rounded, and the live performance at the ATT was captivating.

Review

Aussie drama worth a watch

Tyler A. Kittleman
Critic Staff

"Animal Kingdom" is a film that could be compared to "Goodfellas" but only Australian, and just a little darker. It follows Joshua, (James Frecheville) a teenager that is now an orphan due to his mother dying from a drug overdose.

His grandmother, (Jacki Weaver) invites Joshua to come live with her in her flat. It is full of thugs some who Joshua is related to, and they all take him under their wings.

One major problem is the police are all over the chaotic family's criminal operations making it harder for them to not get caught.

The film is truly an amazing one. It was slow in the beginning, but it pulled through in the end. I give this film 4 out of 5 stars, not only because it was great but also because it

seemed realistic. It gave me an impression that this honestly could happen.

While watching the film, it kept me guessing. I just couldn't predict what would happen, which was good because it gave it that sense of realism. I also love how it wasn't packed with action. There was just natural action.

I think it is a very good film and recommend it to anyone who likes crime movies, such as the film "Goodfellas." "Goodfellas" is a great film, but "Animal Kingdom" is a great modern day version in my opinion.

If you're interested in watching dramatic, realistic and unpredictable films like this one then go check out Catamount Arts for this one and for many others, and remember it's free for Lyndon State College Students.

Eating with Em

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Chef's Corner



If you ask most students around campus how their semester is going so far it seems as if the majority answers 'stressful'. I myself completely agree and feel the same. Even though the semester just started it seems as if everyone is very busy. This recipe that I've decided to share with you is relatively cheap to make, and extremely easy. You can prepare it, throw it in the oven and go do some homework while you wait for it to cook.

This is the perfect dinner for those days that you want a home cooked meal to warm you up on an extremely cold winter day and it takes hardly any time to prepare.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Very Easy Baked Chicken Casserole

Ingredients:

2lb Chicken Breast
½ Cup Baby Bella Mushrooms
1 Cup Corn (Frozen or Canned)
2 Cans of Cream of Chicken
1 Cup Milk
Salt and Pepper
Italian Seasonings
Box of Stuffing

Instructions:

This recipe is incredibly easy. Pre-heat oven to 375. Dice the chicken breast into small bite size chunks.

Cut the mushrooms in quarters. Take a bowl and mix the chicken, mushrooms, corn, cream of chicken, milk and seasonings together. Pour into a 13x9 pan. Prepare stuffing according to the box and then spread on top of the casserole.

Bake for 40-60 minutes. The top will be slightly brown and crispy when done and chicken will be at 160 for an internal temperature. Also good served with noodles or steamed rice.

Nutritional Aspect

This dish is a well balanced meal as it includes almost all of the food groups: grains, proteins, vegetables, and dairy. It is very hard to eat completely balanced every day. Chicken is a very good choice for a protein as it is low in fat compared to other meats, moderate calories, and has good sources of calcium and potassium.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at:

emilie.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu

Weekly Horoscope

Aries

March 21-April 19

Hey Aries, the groundhog didn't see his shadow, so it's time to start working on your spring wardrobe. Last year's Jersey Shore spring look didn't look so hot. As Sammie would say, "This is no joke Ronnie."

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Place your Superbowl XLV bets wisely. Also, work on that victory dance. Last year you looked like a fool with your pants on the ground.

Gemini

May 21-June 20

Save your money this week. Pizza and beer for Sunday's game is okay, but avoid gambling.

Cancer

June 21-July 22

Two 40's a day keeps the doctor away. It does not, however, keep the police or your crazy ex away.

Leo

July 23- August 22

Today, after watching Ice Road Truckers, don't get any smart ideas about where your four-door sedan should be driving on campus...

Virgo

August 23-September 22

You might be slightly depressed when your team loses on Sunday. Remember, you can always have 20 children and get yourself a reality show.

Libra

September 23-October 22

An unwatched pot boils immediately. Just don't let it spill.

Scorpio

October 23-November 21

If something didn't work out for you this week, don't be down on yourself Scorpio. It might have taken 14 years, but even the Packers got to the Superbowl.

Sagittarius

November 22-December 21

People who snore tend to fall asleep first. If you want your beauty sleep Sagittarius, choose your bed companion wisely. Or take a Motrin PM.

Capricorn

December 22- January 19

The nacho platter might look good tonight Capricorn, but the cheese whiz they use in the bar kitchen won't feel so great in your tummy tomorrow.

Aquarius

January 20-February 18

If you record the halftime show and play it backwards, you may find the answer you've been looking for Aquarius. You might also find satanic messages.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

This week you might feel like your only purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others. To get rid of this feeling, you may try meditation. Or Four Loko.

Laughter and fun: that's what we're all about

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Want to be a part of something unique on campus? Why not check out the anime club.

"The goal of the club is to bring together people that never knew each other before on campus," President Joe Biega said. The club is free to anyone that has an interest and people are strongly encouraged to just stop by and get a taste of what the club is all about.

The club meets Thursdays and Fridays every week from 7-9 p.m. in HAC 111. The club started two years ago by Joe Biega, Rich Perilli, and Adam Rutt.

The executive board consists of Biega as president, Rich Perilli as vice president, Karen Sague as secretary and Shera Howe as treasurer.

According to the executive board, the club members have become a small close family. The meetings are a time to get to know each other, laugh and have a good time. Anyone can bring in anime to be watched during the meetings.

The club also tries to go to an annual conference, which took place in October last year, right before Halloween. The conference was in southern Vermont and is one of many anime conferences that take place all over the world.

There are many that don't think they will like anime until they actually get into it. Karen Sague, secretary of the anime club, once hated this industry and all it was about.

"I'm glad the anime club existed. I hated anime. I thought it was the stupidest thing ever. All I knew

was Pokemon and then I met Adam and Joe and then became an anime nerd," she said.

According to the club, most people only see the surface of anime and there is so much more. There are many types of anime as there are book genres.

The anime club is a small club on campus that many people don't know about. Members are working on getting well known across campus as well as growing as a club. They currently have 10 regular members.

The club recently purchased 32 anime DVDs for only \$100. This is a major savings, as they are normally \$40 a piece. This past year the SGA gave them \$200 for their budget and the executive board feels that they have used this money very wisely to enhance the club.

They are currently sponsored by 'Funimation', an anime company that sends the club one DVD a month that they continue to add to the club's library.

Anime is not just adult cartoons but it is "a powerful story telling device," Howe said.

Anime is very popular in Japan but not very accessible in the United States. One of the purposes of this club is to help make anime better known, as well as more accessible to people in this small area.

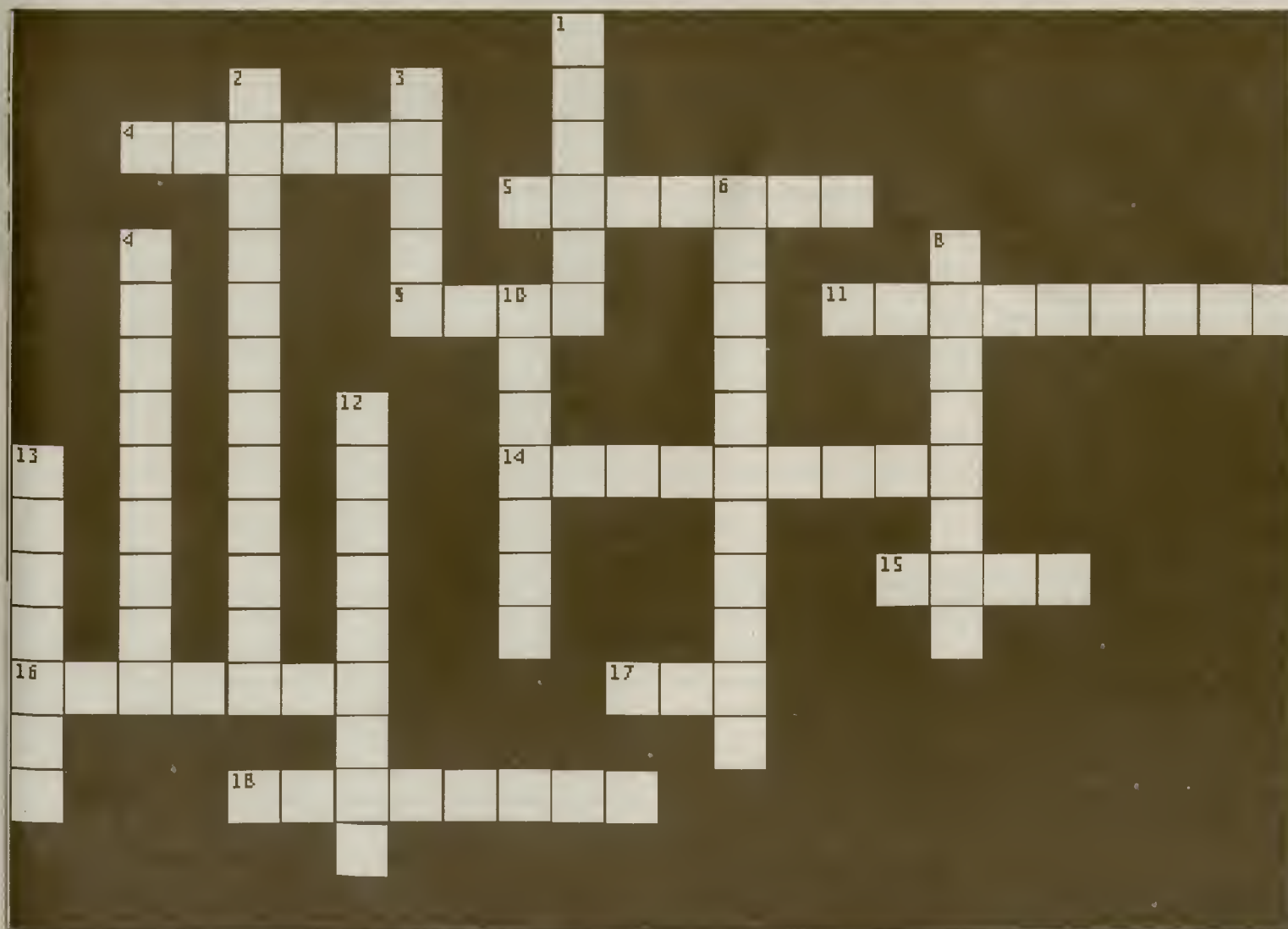
Anime is produced in Japanese and then it has to get changed to English, which is an expensive process. It makes anime less accessible and especially difficult for broke college students.

If the club seems interesting, come and find out who they are. It's a chance to meet people that have the same interests as you.



Photo courtesy of anime club
Anime executive board members meet. From left: Karen Sague, Joe Biega and Shera Howe

Wintery Fun Crossword



CLUES

Across

4. Used to make a path
5. Winter's version of swimming
9. A way to get to the bottom of the mountain
11. Hit your friends

14. A ride to the top

15. Used to keep the roads safe
16. Keep your hands warm
17. Wintery water
18. Takes place on RBC hill

Down

1. No two are the same
2. Warms up your insides
3. A shovel for your truck
6. Keep one of these in your car
7. Sometimes goofy looking, but keeps your head

warm

8. Covered in white during the winter
10. Don't stand under these
12. A coastal storm
13. Kind of like a man, but not really

Frosty Snowy Events

Sunday

-Super Bowl Party: Packers v.s. Steelers (6 p.m., ASAC 100)

Monday

-Winter Art Auction (10 a.m.-3 p.m., Student Center)

Tuesday

-Make your own Chocolate Lollipops (11-2 p.m., Student Center)

Thursday

-Mr. Lyndon (9 p.m., ATT)

Friday

-Tug-o-war (1 p.m., Center campus)
-Broomball (2 p.m., Pond)
-Sledding (6 p.m., President's Hill)

Saturday

-Snow Sculpture (1 p.m., Wheelock)
-Snowball Accuracy (3 p.m.)
-Human Sled dog race (4 p.m., Rugby field)
-Closing ceremony (6 p.m., Rugby field)

Climbing Wall

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30-2:30 p.m. and every day from 6-9 p.m.



A sledder cruises to the finish line at the Burke Mountain Dog Festival Saturday and Sunday.

Photo by Sam Monroe



Phil Alexander
Kevin Lessard
Critic Columnists

When fans vote to put their favorite player in an all-star game, it can take a spot away from a player who deserves it.

All-star games have been a tradition in professional sports for many decades. Fans can vote for whom they believe should be representing each sport's starting lineup. The NBA, NFL, and NHL all have all-star games where two teams consisting of the

"best" players compete.

The NHL All-Star Game has steered away from the basic format of league versus league or conference versus conference. This year, they tried a new format, naming NHL players Eric Staal and Nicklas Lidstrom as captains. The captains were allowed to pick all the players voted into the game by the fans, like school-yard dodge ball.

This was the first year that the NHL had tried this format, mixing it up from the basic format where fans voted for the starters. The new for-

mat led to matchups where teammates were playing against each other. It made for interesting storylines that caught the attention of NHL fans around the league.

The recent voting of the NBA All-Star Game has caused some controversy in the basketball community. Many believe that Center Yao Ming, who has played a total of five games on the season, does not deserve to be the starter for the Western Conference. His lack of games played and playing time has not made it easy for people to

make a case for him starting or even being at the game.

Last week was the NFL's All-Star Game known as the Pro Bowl. Watching the game, you noticed that it was not quite as fast paced and hard hitting as a regular season game. Not only did many players not play due to injuries or other conflicts, a lot of the time players were not giving their best effort when making a tackle or running a route.

Any fan can go online and vote for which ever player they want as many

times as they want. Players make campaign videos to try and boost their numbers to get into the game. This process can be biased and skewed numbers for players who don't necessarily deserve to be playing, like Yao Ming.

With the adaptation of the new NHL All-Star Game, there could be bigger and better all-star game formats on the horizon for professional sports.

Editor's note: Phil Alexander and Kevin Lessard host a sports talk radio show on WWLR 91.5 every Friday from 6-8 p.m.



What we've learned: *All star games need change*

Hornet report: NAC basketball playoffs in sight

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The men's and women's basketball teams have had an up and down week on the road, with both teams going 1-1 in North Atlantic Conference action since Saturday.

The men's team currently sports a 5-2 conference record going into back-to-back games tonight and tomorrow vs. Maine Maritime and Husson, respectively. Husson is undefeated in conference (7-0), and LSC sits two games behind them at third place in

the conference. The Hornets defeated Green Mountain 95-62 on Tuesday and lost at Castleton on Saturday 62-85.

In its win at a winless (0-7) Green Mountain squad, the Hornets were able to utilize every player on their 14 man roster. Each player scored at least one point in the game. The Hornets were lead by Phil Warrick with 15 points, O'Bee Byrd with 12, D.J. Santos with 11, and Logan Calkins added 10.

The women's team had a similar outcome in each game, beating Green Moun-

tain 80-56 after a bad loss to Castleton 46-82. The team currently sits in fourth place in the NAC with a 4-3 record.

In the win at Green Mountain, five lady Hornets achieved double digit scoring numbers. NAC season scoring leader Donna Lawson scored 21, followed by Naomi White with 17, Ariel McConkey (15), Danielle Lafont (12), and Steph Barclay (10).

Freshman guard Maisie Sanchez has been inactive with a hand injury since Lyndon played Johnson on Jan. 25. "I hurt it in the Johnson

game going up for a rebound," said Sanchez. "I'll be getting the cast off Friday and hopefully I'll be cleared for the games on Friday and Saturday".

The Hornets have now faced every team in the NAC, and in the next two weeks, will play each team a second time to close out its schedule. Both the men and women are closer than ever before to a NAC playoff berth. Tip off tonight vs. Maine Maritime is at 6 p.m. for the men, and 8 p.m. for the women. Tomorrow, the men's game vs. Hus-

son starts at 2 p.m. and the women hit the hardwood at 4 p.m.

The hockey club lost 8-3 Saturday at Springfield College, but beat Tufts 10-5 on Friday at home. In that game, senior captain Ricky Paparo scored the 100th point of his career. The hockey team is 3-8, and needs to win its next two games, with help, to have a shot at making the playoffs.

The team's final home game is tonight at 8 p.m. at the Fenton Chester Arena vs. Roger Williams University from Providence, R.I.

Softball swings bring signs of spring to Lyndon State

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

This week, the Lyndon State softball team took the first steps of an exciting season.

Tryouts mark the beginning of the team's journey to-

ward what they hope to be a successful year. With snow covering the hills of Lyndon, the team refreshes their skills in the Stannard Gymnasium. This will be their practice facility until the blanket of snow unveils their home, Skip Pound Field.

Once the roster is cut to 15 players, the team must prepare for the road ahead. Practices are held at 6 a.m., and the team also has frequent night practices. This creates a difficult balance of education and athletics for the players. Coach Jen Layn emphasized the importance class attendance in the time before games begin.

The team takes their pre-season schedule to an indoor facility in the Adirondacks before the season gets underway. This trip will consist of six games for the team to hone their skills. This is also a chance for some of the team's

newcomers to get a feel for college softball.

The regular season starts on March 19 and stretches until April 23. In this time the team will play over 30 games, each day being a double-header. It is definitely safe to say that a day off won't be taken for granted. Coach Layn takes the reigns on her fifth season as head coach. When asked about the early expectations for the team, she had nothing but good things to say.

"They are very motivated and want to win," said Layn. "We have a very young and skilled group this year." The

team plans to keep it simple this season and work on toning fundamentals.

"We want to improve the little things," said junior captain Natalia Shams.

With a group of key returners, and a lot of new talent, the team seems to feel that they are looking much stronger than previous seasons.

All they need now is a little warm weather, some green grass, and they can begin their quest for a successful season. The team's first scheduled home game is Wednesday, April 6, against in-state rival Castleton.

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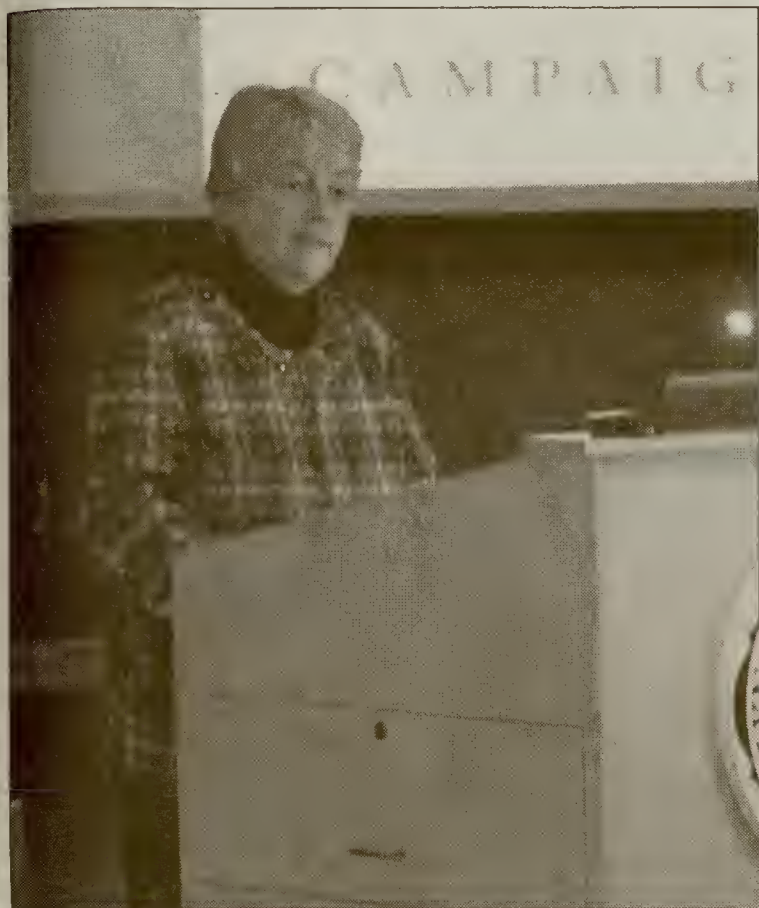
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Major and minor cuts ahead



Carol Moore addresses questions from faculty, staff and students during the State of the College address Tuesday afternoon. Photo by Sam Monroe

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

After 100 years of success, Lyndon State College is heading down a path of change.

President Carol Moore addressed a room full of faculty, staff, and students this past Tuesday with the annual State of the College address. Being the centennial, Moore aimed to focus on the successes of the past century as well as ways to make the next 100 years just as successful.

Moore's ideas and suggestions would revolve around the concept of reinventing Lyndon. "I'm not using the word 'reinvent' as a euphemism for lay-offs," she assured the crowd. "Rather, I am asking that we rethink in every way in which we do business."

Moore believes there are three things the college needs to remember and build upon. She stated that Lyndon is a professional college, that Lyndon is an access college that provides opportunity, and that Lyndon's cornerstone is experiential learning. Asking for the support of faculty and staff, Moore points out that there is a strategy in place based off of suggestions from the NEASC team visit last semester, including a deadline of what was then two years (translating into about 18 months from now).

"Lyndon is a great college. Let me say that again; Lyndon is a great college," said Moore in preparation for covering some hot topics and

areas that need improvement.

First, Moore outlined external factors that influence both challenges and opportunities that Lyndon is and will be facing in the future. The economy and recession that has clearly effected the world of higher education was the first illustration Moore provided, reminding the group of students whose parents have lost jobs and are not only struggling to put a child through college, but also food on the table. Second, the fact that colleges and universities across the country are being held under "incredible pressure," explained Moore, is another reason that costs of higher education is outpacing inflation rates. "We have to prove we're worth the money," said Moore. State appropriations, the boom of online learning, demographics, and demands for a well-paying job after graduating are all contributing factors to the challenges Lyndon face according to Moore.

With a slideshow of pictures in the background, illustrating the evolution of buildings, landmarks, and activities at Lyndon, Moore explained the internal challenges Lyndon is facing.

A high percentage of students at Lyndon are enrolled in professional programs, and these programs are very equipment-intensive. There is a high cost to maintain the most popular majors. Areas that have less involvement are under scrutiny to decide whether they will continue being offered at Lyndon.

In three of the four offered Secondary Education programs, only six people have graduated from those programs since the year 2006.

Donna Dalton, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs has been charged by Moore to examine all the programs and find which are benefiting Lyndon in a more financially sustainable way.

What are the solutions to these problems? Moore has initiated seven tasks force, each charged with a specific goal of reinventing Lyndon in hopes to reach the set 18-month deadline. Guidelines for these groups including coming to meetings prepared, questions and opinions readily available, as well as thoughtful responses.

"I fully recognize the look in people's eyes when I appear unexpectedly at their door," said Moore. "Sorry, but I'm going to continue." She knows that there will be tension in the air because of possible changes, but she says she still has to ask the questions in order to get things done.

Moore believes student recruitment and retention is on everyone's shoulders, pointing out the importance of the custodial and maintenance staff keeping the buildings and residence halls in clean and working conditions. She also put emphasis on updated and neat bulletin boards, an active student activities center, and asks that faculty and staff become more involved in the overall process of recruitment.

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D.J. Santos leads a breakaway with seconds remaining at the end of the Husson game on Saturday. He went on to miss the lay-up, however center Jason Gray was right behind him for the put back with two tenths of a second on the clock. See full story on page 7. Photo by Sam Monroe

If LSC ruled the town...

Sam Monroe
Critic Editor

It's the year 2016 and three Lyndon State students sit on the select board for the town of Lyndon. They have fired the police chief and hired one of their buddies. College students are

now making all the decisions on how the town should be run.

It may seem far-fetched, but it could happen. Students who live on campus can technically claim residence in the town that they go to school in, meaning they can register to vote in the town

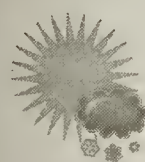
they live in.

Student Government President John Kleinhans, who is currently running for a national position in the College Republicans, also plans to run for state office after graduation. He believes that students could have a great impact on the town.

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Weekend Weather Outlook: Alex Avalos National Weather Service

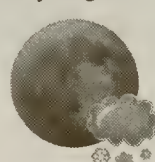
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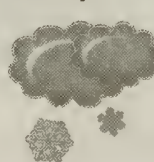
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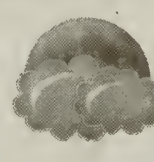
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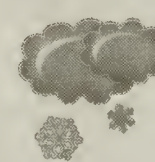
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► Mostly cloudy.

Sunday:



HIGH
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SW 10

► Cloudy with a 40% chance of snow showers.

Insurance rate unchanged despite tuition increase

Jason Zheng
News Correspondent

Tuition for Lyndon State College has been raised four percent for the 2011-2012 school year, but the fee for student health insurance is staying the same.

"The student health insurance will keep the same coverage and the same fee," said the administrative assistant of health & counseling, Paula Chamberlin. "It's a good health plan for students studying in VSC in terms of the cost and its coverage."

Students at Lyndon State College have different opinions than the officials.

"The insurance cost is too high and covers not enough," said Ryan Bennie Lee, a senior graphic design major. "I had an insurance that was covered by the state before I came here, which was cheaper and better."

"My former insurance covered many things, like dental work, and I don't think the school insurance will cover that," Lee added.

The annual cost for the student health insurance is \$1,407.

Some students' were already covered by their parents insurance before they

entered LSC, so they don't need to have the insurance on campus. Students who don't have campus insurance need to fill out a claim form if they go to see a doctor in the Brown House.

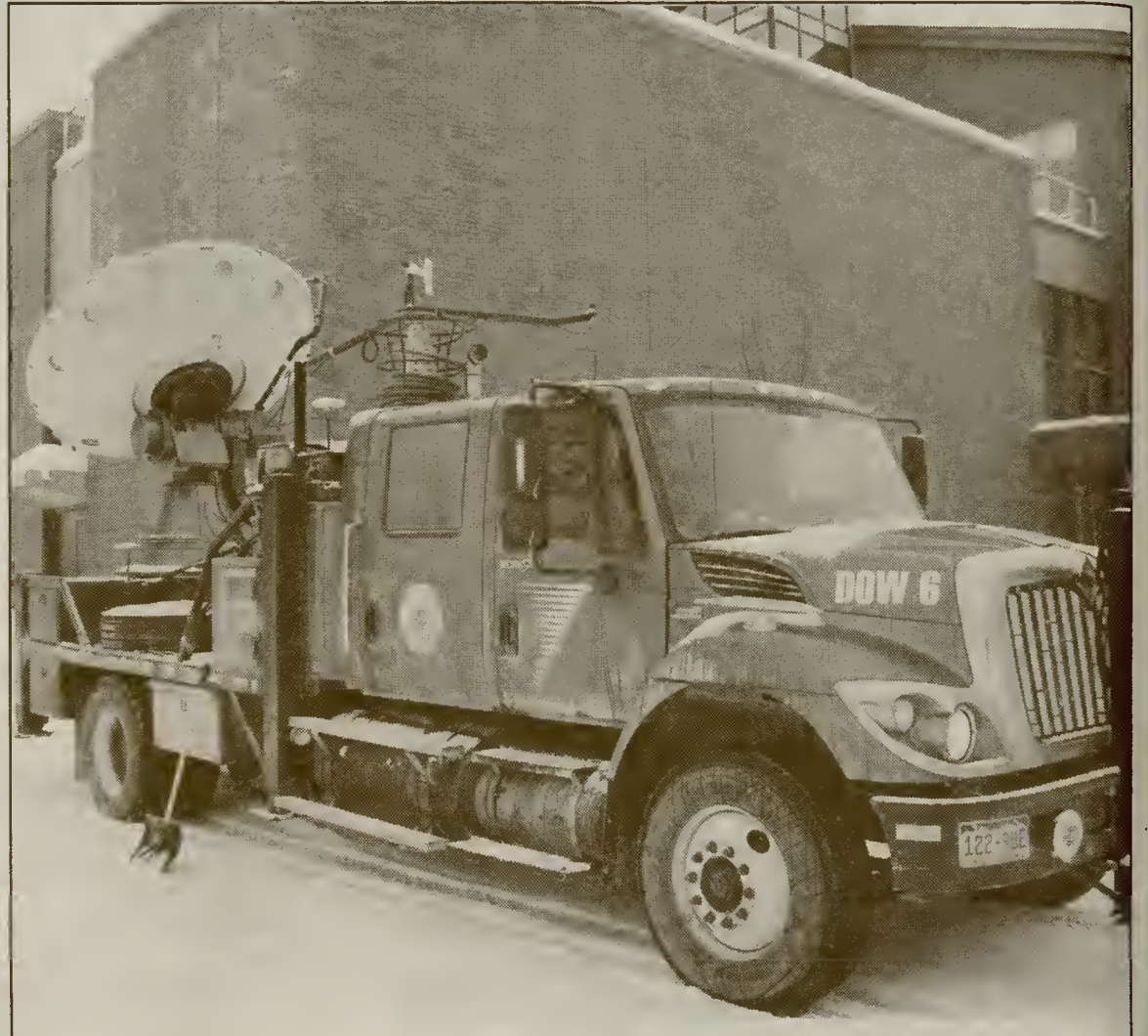
Many students don't know much about how the student insurance plan works. They just did what they were told.

"I know nothing about it," said Na Zhan, a freshman general education major.

According to the insurance plan brochure: all matriculating full-time undergraduate and graduate students at VSC must complete and sign a student insurance form to indicate whether they wish or to enroll in the VSC Student Health Insurance Plan or not.

The school student health insurance covers inpatient hospitalization benefits, surgical benefits, outpatient benefits, mental health, substance abuse benefits, maternity benefits, as well as some additional benefits.

For more information on the inclusions and exclusions of the benefits students can refer to the insurance plan brochure.



The Doppler on Wheels truck will be available for students to use and observe.

Photo by Brian Lacharite

Doppler on Wheels visits LSC campus

Catherine Vitale
News Correspondent

Whether you're an atmospheric science major or just love extreme weather, the Doppler on Wheels (DOW) is at Lyndon State College.

One of three DOW trucks made its way to the LSC campus on Jan. 31, and will be on campus until Feb. 18.

"The data and information we'll be able to study and analyze from its time being here will help us as a department to further what we've already been taught and have a more applied, real-world approach to data research," said Garrett Combs, a senior

meteorology major.

The DOW trucks were created by Joshua Wurman, and are maintained by The Center for Severe Weather Research and funded by the National Science Foundation.

The DOW trucks are equipped with mobile radar that can record data, distinguish between various types of precipitation (liquid or frozen), and can also tell the difference between dry and wet snow. DOW trucks have been used to observe severe weather such as tornadoes and hurricanes at close range.

Lyndon State students participating in the VORTEX2 tornado study last year got

experience with the DOW when they used it to aid them in observing tornadoes and recording their data. This year atmospheric sciences professor Nolan Atkins' Remote Sensing class will be working with the DOW. Over a three-week course they will be learning how to work with a mobile radar and record winter storm data.

For those who aren't able to work with the DOW in class, scientists from the Center for Severe Weather Research will be giving a one hour presentation on Feb. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in ASAC 100.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

FEB. 3

**That's not a hot dog!*

Outside Stevens Dining Hall

Missing dog

FEB. 4

**Is your refridgerator running?*

Vail

Multiple prank calls

FEB. 5

**Nothing better to do?*

Vail

Multiple prank calls

FEB. 7

**Emergency!*

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Medical situation

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SGA allocation debate gets stormy

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

A debate over debt punishments heated up during this week's Student Government Association meeting, leaving the American Meteorological Society unable to reallocate funds to its Northeastern Storm Conference.

Treasurer for AMS/NWA Laura Lenfest requested the reallocation of \$1,400 from the club's sector search van trip and the annual meeting which was held in Seattle last week. Because the club was in debt earlier this year, it experienced a freeze on its funds and was unable to use the money for its intended purposes.

The club has since come back into good standing with the SGA.

"We paid off our debt. We are fiscally clear now," Lenfest said. "Considering what happened last year, we're really worried about being in the same situation we were in last fall after this year's conference, and we really don't want that to happen again."

Student Investment Group representative Andrew Chapin was concerned that allowing the reallocation

would undermine the original freeze on the funds.

"This club was fiscally irresponsible last year," Chapin said, motioning to move on. "And as a punishment for that, the budget was frozen. I think that by doing this you're negating everything you did by freezing their budget and freezing those line items specifically. It sets a terrible precedent."

When Uriah Burhans, the vice president of the Lyndon Emergency Responders club (LER) suggested that not allowing the reallocation was the result of a grudge, Executive Vice President of SGA Rachel Keller stepped in.

"It's not a grudge," she said. "It's protocol."

In the end, the SGA voted to move on, and the money was not reallocated.

LSC President Carol Moore also visited SGA to explain some potential budget cuts in the upcoming months.

"Nobody likes to see tuition increase, but everything else increases and we need to pay the bill," she said.

Moore explained that low-enrollment majors, minors, and concentrations would come under scrutiny in an attempt to cut spending. Some of these include global studies, women's studies, in-

ternational studies, and managerial accounting.

Moore also explained that students currently in a program would be able to finish without difficulty, and that the college would not allow new students into cut programs.

While most SGA members accepted Moore's explanation, Vice President of Communications Justin Chenette expressed frustration with one policy that took effect in the fall.

"Last semester you signed off on a cut of one library staff member forcing the library to close on Saturdays," he said. "I strongly recommend that you literally put your money where your mouth is when it comes to that and reopen the library on Saturdays."

Moore explained that data showed little activity in the library on Saturdays, although Chenette believed the data to be false.

Katie White, the representative for the Role Play Club (RPC), also works in the library, and said that the employees there are fed up with the closing being brought into every discussion regarding budget cuts.

"I've worked in the library for four years. There



Photo by Eric Wayne
AMS/NWA representative Laura Lenfest listens to SGA reps debate allowing the club to reallocate funds. The club was in debt last semester and as a result, had its budget frozen.

isn't a lot of traffic on Saturdays," she said. "It's something that's being dealt with, and it's not something that needs to be thrown out when somebody wants to make a point about budgets."

"It's called freedom of speech, but okay, as long as it's being dealt with," Chenette responded.

In other news, the Ski and Ride club was also allowed to reallocate \$300 from movie premieres to pay for new

shovels and signs. The Students For Campus Conservation also reallocated \$400 to recycling bins.

Mike Michaud, the representative for Sigma Zeta, was also voted in as the new vice president of residential and commuter affairs, filling the empty seat that financial controller Nick Russo once held.

State of the college address

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Finishing up, Moore admitted that she can "see where we need to be in 19 months; however, I am not 100 percent sure how we are going to get there." Challenging the audience to give more even though they may feel as though there is nothing more to give, Moore opened it up for questions.

The first hand up was Professor Beth Norris from the Music Business and Industry department. "Thank you for being honest with us," acknowledged Norris. "But why did the NEASC team say 'two years?' Is that based on the college's problems or the economy's problems?" Moore responded saying that it is because of the challenges in funding that this college is facing, specifically our curriculum offering. Still skeptical, Director of Career Services Linda Wacholder challenged the validity of the two year deadline asking if who came up with the number, and if it would be more

beneficial to implement a less-strict deadline, providing "wiggle room" and thus less anxiety. "I wouldn't say it if it wasn't true," Moore said, referring to the deadline. She also explained that a member of the NEASC team did a financial analysis of Lyndon and was the one who determined the two-year deadline. Math Professor Jim Bozeman, in attempt to clarify Wacholder's question, proclaimed to the group: "we're not going to go off a cliff in 18 months." Moore replied "that's your opinion, not mine."

Senior Electronic Journalism Arts major Tim Cappalli, who is also the student trustee of the VSC had something to say in the matter. "We have to have a deadline. It's human nature for people to put things off. I disagree with the cliff analogy; I don't understand why the deadline is a problem."

Wacholder also showed concern about students who were in the majors that will be closed due to low enrollment.

"We made a commitment to those students," Moore explained, assuring the crowd that any student currently in a major that will be closed will have all the courses necessary to finish that degree program. The difference, now, is that Lyndon will no longer be enrolling new students in those particular programs. Moore also announced some new degree programs being added that will be more attractive to students, Sports Management and Criminal Justice, when Social Sciences Professor Janet Bennion asked how limiting class choices might be a disadvantage for Lyndon's budget. "We have to grow selectively," said Moore. Money will be reallocated to help pay for these new programs. "From what, though? Liberal Studies?" asked Bennion. "What a sacrifice."

"If we don't meet the deadline, what is going to happen?" questioned Norris.

"We will keep cutting," answered Moore. "But eventually there will be nothing left to cut."



Love at LSC



Susi,
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You make a great bologna and cheese sandwich, Meghan Dolyak. I love you! Love, the president

Eric,
Hey beautiful. Just wanted to tell you that you're beautiful.

My little cornseed,
It's only been 9 months since we started dating, but I know I'm yours for a lifetime. Without you I'm incomplete. <3, your love

Mr. President,
You are the gavel to my podium. Love, Sean

A.N.,
Who knew that the scary political guy could be such a good cuddler? Love, the hoodlum

Sugarmuffin,
I love you more than words could ever explain. I need you more than the sun, I need you more than the rain. Love, your cornseed

Adam,
I am very grateful to have a friend like you. I am glad to know there are still people with values. Wherever you end up, just make yourself happy.

Dear Res Life Staff,
You're all awesome people and I love you all...but not in a romantic way. Sorry guys. Love, Nick Russo

Fruit Loop,
You are the cereal to my milk.

Muffin,
You are the best girlfriend ever, hope you have a great day. Love, Sean

Caleb,
You are the sprinkles to my ice cream. Love, Madi

Photo Editor,
I just wanted to let you know how beautiful you are. Love, Editor-in-Chief

Your Facebook default and your collegiate being: a brief analysis

Chris Peltier
Critic Columnist

No picture – Ohhh...you're mysterious! Or a virus. Avoid these kinds of people. You know whose photo can't be captured? Vampires. So the only logical conclusion is that all people without profile pictures are vampires. If you come across a real life vampire, wooden stakes are available at your local hardware store. Not to be mistaken with silver bullets... blistering hot silver bullets kill a werewolf. Ice cold silver bullets kill my GPA.

A professional athlete – As does your profile picture, your favorite team or athlete says a lot about you, right? For example, a picture of Tom Brady probably means you are a hard worker, determined and used to success. A picture of Mark Sanchez or Ben Roethlisberger probably means you're a sex offender. Either way, if this isn't the case, and you just want to show allegiance to your favorite team, I must direct your attention to the "favorite teams" part of the "sports" tab under "edit my profile". It's there for a reason.

As a high school athlete – Reliving the glory days much? We get it. You used to play sports. Either you weren't good enough to make the college team, or were a lot better back then. No one likes someone trapped in the past....right Brett Favre? No one cares how good you were.

I was MVP of the fifth grade capture the flag tournament, but you don't see me setting my default as a picture of me booking across a field in my light up sneaks and Fraggles Rock tee.

Shirtless- (male) I'll start by saying these are a lot like men drinking a Mike's Hard Lemonade or Twisted Tea: In certain cases, such as on the beach, or at the pool, they are as terrible. But then there are the self-taken mirror pictures. No self-respecting man should be taking his own profile pictures; let alone shirtless. Leave that poop at MySpace bro. Anyway, if you're taking this step, most likely you're in halfway decent shape; and if you got it flaunt it, right? Wrong. I can't speak for the female race, but I guarantee all your male friends cringe when you show up in the news feed. These people tend to be "that guy".

Shirtless- (female) Hey, my name is Chris. We should talk.

[Author's Note: I will admit openly I have been an offender in many of these categories. But we all make mistakes. Vince McMahon started the XFL. The NFL booked the Black Eyed Peas for half time. Eddie Murphy made The Adventures of Pluto Nash. My parents had me. It is through reflection and consideration of past errors that we learn and grow as a society. On a related note, anyone else think Paul Pierce kind of looks like a catfish? Google it, it's wild.]
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The Adagio coming to LSC

To the editor:

I am pleased to continue offering the Guitar Hour at noon on some Wednesdays. This series is dedicated to Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo. Born in 1901, he became blind at age three. In 1927 he was accepted into the Schola Cantorum (Paris) as a pupil of Dukas. Rodrigo studied at the Paris "Conservatoire de Musique" and the Sorbonne.

As early as 1926 Rodrigo had composed his first work for solo guitar, although not a guitarist. Composed in 1939, his *Concierto de Aranjuez* for guitar and orchestra was first performed in 1940. Since then he has been showered with honors and became a national treasure to Spain.

In 1933 Joaquin married

Victoria Kamhi, a Turkish pianist. His *Concierto de Aranjuez para guitarra y orquesta* celebrates the glorious history of the Palace of Aranjuez and his love with Vickie. Going back to Germany, his wife in the hospital gave birth to a stillborn baby. Devastated by this painful event Rodrigo went back to his room. This is when he wrote the Adagio (second movement) of the *Concierto de Aranjuez*, a love story. Rodrigo only expressed his feelings through his music. His feelings of love and the fear that Vickie's life was also in danger mused this Adagio. Throughout the piece you can hear the life pulse sturdily strummed on the guitar. At the end the ascent of the baby's soul is described with a (piano) slow ascending arpeggio unto the

harmonics.

The Adagio is considered by many to contain the most hauntingly beautiful melody in all guitar history. Even Miles Davis the famous jazz trumpeter has produced a version of it.

This semester, I wish to feature the theme with excerpts from the guitar solo, of his Adagio on Lyndon campus during my scheduled three noon solos at Vail 216, New Student Activities Lounge. Your comments to the Critic are much appreciated.

Vail 216: March 2; April 13
Library: Feb. 16; March 16;
April 20

-Jean Charles
Music professor

We are the revolution: the rise of the Internet

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Hundreds of years ago, the first people to see a Gutenberg bible were probably not very impressed. Bibles painstakingly copied by monks who had devoted their lives to the art were far more attractive. Gutenberg's version may have been viewed as "not bad for those who can't afford real bibles."

Of course Gutenberg's bible was the first step in a revolution that transformed the entire world. But, back then, who knew? The early personal computers were much the same. People, even technically trained people, scratched their heads and wondered what these new fangled things would be used for. In the mid-nineties, the Internet was at that same point. Interesting, but what can you do with it. Then just when people started to get excited, the dot-com bubble burst and billions of dollars in speculative capital simply vanished.

Now, of course we think we knew where all this was going. Information of all sorts is just a few keystrokes away. We can do our banking, pay our bills, register for classes and build enormous personal

networks with social media. But how many of us really believed that the Internet could bring down a nation. Yet that's exactly what is happening right now in Egypt. There have been many attempts before. There were the Hittites with their iron weapons, Moses with supernatural powers that could unleash plagues and famines, Rome with her legions, the British with their lust to pick up the "white man's burden" and turn it into hard cash.

These past enemies had strong leaders and powerful weapons, but now this 5000-year-old civilization is being whipped by an enemy that has no leader and few weapons. The enemy is a people united in purpose and connected by the Internet. Of course, the Egyptian government could shut down the Internet and did just that. But that lasted for a day. You see, no advanced nation can survive for much longer than a day without being part of a worldwide digital information network.

So what's the point? It's simply that just as printing transformed the world, we are now in the grip of an even more revolutionary change. If you're established in your career, you may need to start all

over again. But if you are young and not yet committed to a life course, you are extremely fortunate because you have the opportunity to reshape the world. If hundreds of thousands of people, without leaders and powered only by the instant spread of ideas and information that the Internet makes possible can topple a dictator who has held the reins for three decades and has pocketed \$60 billion in the process, then what is not possible?

Look how totally unprepared the leaders of the world's nations were for this eventuality. Mubarak naively thought that a promise not to run for reelection will smooth everything over. The Obama administration seemed to think that passing the blood-drenched banner of tyranny to Mubarak's vice president would make everything OK.

But all over the world, there are those who hold power because they control the army or because they have held it so long that they believe it is theirs by right are watching Cairo and wondering just how secure they really are.

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If LSC ruled the town

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He does note that students often complain about things on campus and it is still hard to get them to come out and vote for SGA elections.

"If we defeat apathy on this campus and show there is the ability to make a difference," he said he thinks this could happen.

Kleinhans thinks students voting and running for positions in Lyndon would help both parties in the long run.

"The students and the town need to interact," he said. "Without the college it would be a huge economic downturn. Students can make a difference, a huge difference, because we bring a fresh prospective and new blood."

If LSC's 1,400 students registered to vote in Lyndon, they could potentially outnumber the voters who come out to town meeting day.

The town of Lyndon has 3,111 registered voters. Last year at town meeting day, 468 of them visited the polls for

the Australian ballot portion and just 174 attended the actual floor meeting.

During the last presidential primary Lyndonville had 1,119 of its registered voters vote.

According to Kleinhans only about 200 students vote in the SGA elections, a number he is happy about, but would like to see improve.

"Students can make a difference, a huge difference, because we bring a fresh prospective and new blood."

-John Kleinhans

Most college students are over 18 and do in fact register to vote, but most register in their hometown. If they desire to, however students can register to vote in the town they go to school if they live on campus. For the 900 students who live on campus, their residence is technically 1001 Col-

lege Road, Lyndonville, Vt., an address that town clerk Lisa Barrett does say she sees sometimes on the registered voters list.

"We would be ecstatic if students came out to vote," said Barrett. "There is so much work that goes into an election, we would rather see 1,000 people than 200."

If a student registered in Lyndonville they could even run for a position if they so desired. Lyndonville runs on an Australian ballot, which means the elections are done through poll voting. In order to get your name on a ballot you must fill out a petition and garner the proper amount of support in order to make a run at the seat.

It's not unheard of for college students to run for local governmental positions. Several years ago a student at Dartmouth ran for town treasurer and won. However, it didn't take long for the town to become unhappy with her work. She stopped showing up and was not actually doing her job.

In Loretto, Minn. the mayor is a senior at St. Cloud University. Kent Koch is also on the baseball team at St. Cloud. He did not return phone calls to The Critic regarding this story. However in an interview with ESPN, Koch said he ran for the position because it's something he always wanted to do and he only had to take three credits in order to graduate this May.

Barrett says she thinks a college student on the ballot could improve the numbers at town meeting day.

First off, if all the students who lived on campus came to the meeting it could possibly outnumber the people from the town who attend town meeting.

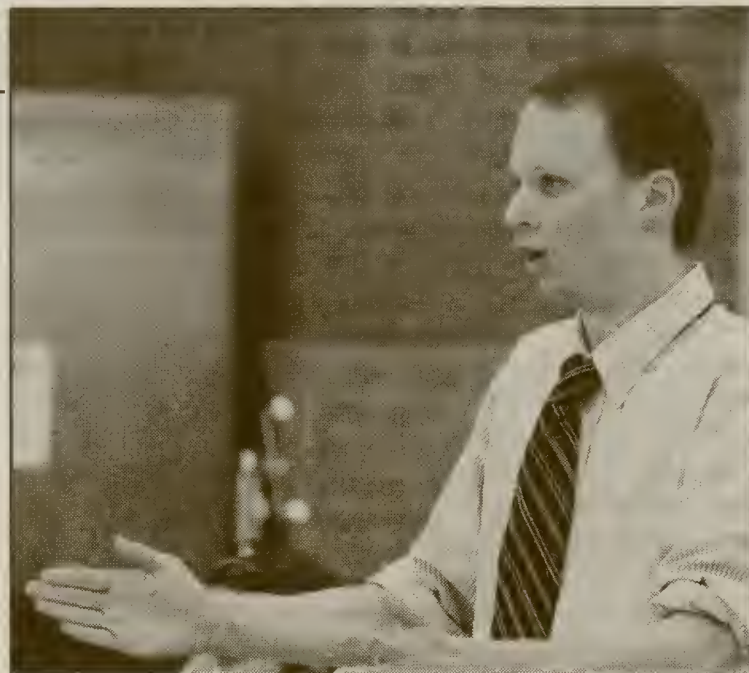


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Student Government Association President John Kleinhans addresses the SGA while in the midst of his campaign for the National Chairman of the College Republicans.

She also thinks that the number of townspeople who come to the meeting could improve as well. She doesn't think it would be because a student would be on the ballot, but more likely because it would create competition.

"Historically when you have a challenged office you get a bigger turnout," said Barrett. "It comes down to choice."

She isn't sure if a student could win office.

"Depends on the person, and what they are running for," she said.

"We've had people write in cartoon characters," said assistant town clerk Michele Maccalous, a situation that has also occurred in student elections at Lyndon.

"Someone who grew up in the area might have a better chance," said Barrett. She explained that she would like to see a student who is committed to the position, but she fears the student would leave after graduation and leave a seat behind, and most positions are three-year terms.

Political Science Professor David Plazek doesn't see it happening any time soon.

"No, I don't think students would do that in large numbers," said Plazek. He thinks college students are still too young to think about government.

"I always say there are two parts to your life," said Plazek. "24 and below and 25 and above."

He says that the 25 and above population are the people that begin to care about politics.

Plazek doesn't see students getting involved, because most of them don't pay taxes in the town so it would be hard for them to care about what the town spends money on.

He went on to say that if students cared about things that were being voted on it may be a reason for them to vote.

"When things can materially affect daily lives in that town students may vote," said Plazek.

However, he thinks there would be no logical reason for students to care about the town politics, especially if a student does not make their full time residence in Lyndon.

Several students, including Kleinhans and former SGA President Andrew Chapin, have shown interest in starting a political career after college and Plazek thinks the town government would be the perfect place for a student interested in such a career to gain experience and get settled into that type of career.

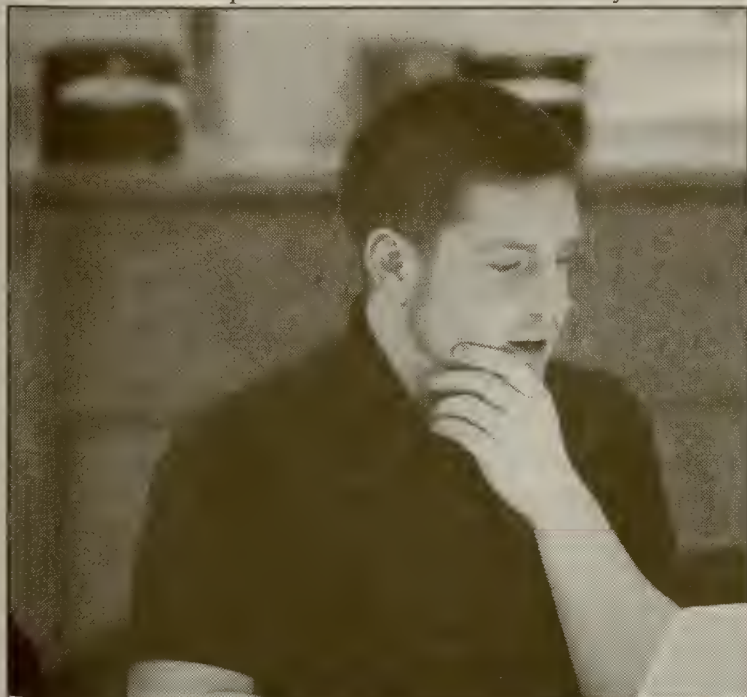


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Over 200 LSC students voted in the special election for Administrative Vice President of the Student Government association in November, electing junior Music Business and Industry major David Daly to the position.

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ALD promotes giving back to community

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

College life is stressful for many students, but there is one group on campus that remembers to help out others as well.

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (ALD) is a national honor society club at Lyndon State College.

"We promote excellence in academics while encouraging members to give back to their community on campus and off," President Emma Shattuck said.

To get in, you need a 3.5 grade point average or higher in your freshman year of college; the only exception is if you are a transfer student who was already a member of

ALD at your previous college.

Social sciences professor Janet Bennion is the club advisor. At the end of the semester she gets a list of everyone that made Dean's List or President's List and then sends everyone an official letter inviting them to join the club. This letter should be going out soon to prospective members. It only costs \$25 for lifetime membership, and this fee goes towards the national society.

Currently on the executive board are Shattuck as president, Christine George as vice president, Margaret George as secretary, and Catherine Vitale as treasurer. In order to become president you must already hold a position on the board, however

anyone including freshman have the ability to run for any other position. The vice president slot will be open this fall as Christine George is graduating in May.

This club is active on campus, having participated in the leadership conference by presenting how and why you should get involved in your community. The club also did a candy cane fundraiser and all the money went to the Santa Fund. All of the money that it raises always goes to a charity as the club is all about giving back to the community.

"While it's obviously a club it's also a hobby to me. I like doing community service and everyone in the club is really nice," Margaret George

said.

ALD currently has about 40 members and 10 of them are active. The club usually has monthly meetings to discuss current fundraisers, report on success of past events and talk about what future community services and events the members want to plan.

The club is currently helping people in the community by shoveling their driveways after snowstorms, will be participating in Green Up Day, and planning a variety show which will be held sometime in April.

A new thing ALD is working on is picking up leftover food from Aramark and dropping it off at designated locations to help people in

need. So far the club has arranged Hope and some senior meal sites to receive food.

Daisy McCoy, an LSC mathematics professor, has been doing this on Thursdays and Fridays and ALD would like to expand this community service.

"You don't need to be a member to help out with any of these activities, we welcome all the help," Shattuck said.

Christine George is the person to contact if interested in helping with this service.

The club is very passionate about helping with this new venture.

"It helps to appreciate what you have to see people who are less fortunate than you," said Christine George.



Photo courtesy of ALD

Ian Sullivan, James Keplar, and Christine George help shovel the snow off a roof in West Burke as a community service project for ALD.



Comic by Adam Whittier

Stressed out? Focus on your body and your mind

Julianne Walshaw
News Correspondent

It's that time of year again; second semester is just starting to pick up but you're finding yourself feeling a bit down.

The stress of your new workload may be at an all time high causing your immune system to weaken ultimately affecting your overall health.

"I'm still just trying to get myself settled into my new schedule," said freshman atmospheric science major Alex Waslienko. "I haven't quite found my groove yet but my professors aren't going to wait for that to happen."

It's important to try and stay as stress-free as possible to avoid becoming sick. There are a number of ways to lessen your level of stress; you just need to find what works best for you.

Trying to stay organized has always been an obvious method but if that's not enough there are a few other things to try.

For instance a good diet is crucial in maintaining a healthy body but it can also help you manage your stress. A simple way to feel more relaxed is to eat foods that contain whole grain; in doing so your brain will release serotonin which is known to give off a sense of well-being.

If staying stress free isn't enough and you do start to feel under the weather try vitamin C.

"I'm always drinking my orange juice. I love the stuff, and the fact that it keeps my immune system up is just an added perk!" said freshman Rostik Eberlie.

Also try your best to avoid any fried foods that are rich in fat because they tend to weaken your immune system.

Working out is another proven way to ease your mind and sweat out all that built up anxiety. Lady Hornet Amanda Martin says, "Basketball is my way to distract myself from everything. It's one of the few times I can just focus on something other than my school work and have fun."

If you're not on a sports team or a member of one of Lyndon's intramurals there is still another option for you to get your body moving. The school's fitness center is open six days a week with hours posted on the schools website. Try to fit in a workout as often as you can and use any frustrations you may have from friends, work, or that one professor that doesn't seem to agree with you and use it as motivation.

College can be tough but if you can find a way to manage it all you will get the greatest benefit from it. You're bound to feel overwhelmed at some point but knowing what works best for you will help you push through.

Keep in mind it all starts with a deep breath.

Hornets clinch NAC playoff berth

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

The Lyndon State College men's basketball team has earned a berth in the NAC postseason for the first time since it joined the conference in fall of 2008.

The team currently sits in third place in the North Atlantic Conference with a record of 7-3 (8-13 overall). After being dominated by first place Husson in their first meeting of the season, Lyndon got their chance to redeem themselves this past weekend. Playing well at home, Lyndon welcomed the top seeded Eagles from Husson to Stannard Gymnasium.

The win was a team effort, including 17 points from sophomore forward Jason

Gray, as well as a strong performance from sophomore center O'Bee Byrd, freshman guard D.J. Santos, and freshman guard Phil Warrick with 12 points each. Rebound help came from freshman guard Antonio Mena with 13 boards in the game. The game's final point was scored with two tenths of a second remaining as Gray collected the rebound from a Santos layup, giving the Hornets the upset victory.

Tuesday's match against in-state rival Johnson was a different story. Hoping to carry momentum from Saturday's upset, the men went on the road hoping to tally their fourth straight win. The early parts of the game were back and fourth leaving the teams tied at halftime. After Warrick sunk a three pointer to tie

the game with just over 8 seconds remaining, Johnson rushed up the court and hit a buzzer beater, ending Lyndon's win streak at three.

"We didn't come out sharp," said head coach Joe Krupinski on Tuesday's loss. "Johnson played hard and they handled pressure well."

The team looks forward to this weekend as they play their final road contests. The team travels to Maine this weekend to play U-Maine Farmington and Thomas College. This weekend should give us a clearer picture of how the tournament seeding will shake down.

"Both teams are playing well," said Coach Krupinski, "it will be a good test."

Regardless of the outcome of their embarrassing

loss to Johnson, the team's goals are very clear. "We want to be playing our best at the end of the season," said Krupinski. "We have been playing well at home. We have been defending better lately. Beating Husson shows us that we can beat any team in the conference."

This is clear as Lyndon delivered Husson its first in-Conference loss. The team effort seems to be something that will help the team as it begins its journey through the playoffs. With help from some experienced upperclassmen, as well as from players such as freshman Antonio Mena who was just named the NAC rookie of the week, the team's depth is something that will make them a force in the conference.

Lyndon travels to Maine this weekend before returning to Stannard Gymnasium to complete the regular season with games vs. Green Mountain on Tuesday and Castleton on Saturday, Feb 19. After that, the real test begins as they travel to playoffs for the first time ever in the NAC.

Assuming they continue playing the way they have been, their trip to the postseason should be something to enjoy. The team awaits the result of the regular season with hopes of having a home game in the playoffs, and possibly a first round bye. The first postseason game will almost certainly occur during our February break, which is unfortunate for students who wish to attend.

Women earn spot in postseason

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team has joined the men's team in earning a spot in the North Atlantic Conference postseason tournament for the first time ever.

With a 6-4 conference record to date, the women sit at fourth place in the NAC standings and are statistically untouchable by the bottom two teams in the conference. Green Mountain (1-9 NAC) and Johnson State (0-10 NAC), who Lyndon beat 66-44 on Tuesday to secure their berth, have all but been eliminated from post-season contention.

Sophomore forward Donna Lawson scored 21 points and picked up 19 boards in the game at Johnson. Junior forward Naomi White scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and freshman guard Ariel Mc-

Conkey added another 10 in the win. McConkey was named NAC rookie of the week on Monday for the second time in three weeks.

Before cruising to victory against an anemic Johnson squad, the lady Hornets fell on Saturday 100-78 against a Husson team that currently sports a conference leading 9-1 record. Last Friday, Feb. 4, Lyndon defeated a tough Maine Maritime (7-3 NAC) team by a final score of 81-68.

Over the span of those two games last weekend, Lawson amassed 35 points and 21 rebounds, while White picked up 38 points and 18 rebounds. McConkey also contributed significantly in the win, with a combined 28 points.

The lady Hornets also have four games remaining in the conference, two games away at Me-Farmington and Thomas today and tomorrow. They then return to Stannard

Gymnasium to play their final regular season games on Tuesday vs. Green Mountain and Saturday Feb. 19, against a tough Castleton team. Castleton beat LSC 82-46 last week.

In their two previous seasons as a full member of the NAC, the Lyndon State women's basketball team has gone 2-12 in 2009/2010. In 2008/2009, when the team first joined the NAC it went 5-9 in the conference, just missing the postseason.

Lyndon's first NAC postseason game ever is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, during our winter break. Depending on which seed the women finish in, the team could be home, away, or have a bye.

Editor's note: Stay tuned to www.lyndonstatecritic.com for updates as the men's and women's basketball teams begin their quest for a NAC championship over February break.



Photo by Sam Monroe

Maisie Sanchez zooms past a Husson defender last weekend after returning from a hand injury that left her sidelined for a week and a half.

What we've learned: The NFL is a quarterback league

Phil Alexander
Kevin Lessard
Critic Columnists

Recent history has suggested that having a franchise quarterback is the key to winning in the NFL.

As far back as Super Bowl XLII, the NFL's biggest games have featured some of the league's best quarterbacks.

Super Bowl XLII was a very close game between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants. What determined the end result of the game was an 83-yard drive

capped off by a 13-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning to Plaxico Burress. Manning also helped the Giants all postseason, posting six touchdown passes to only one interception in four playoff games.

Super Bowl XLIII was not too much different from the previous Super Bowl. The Pittsburgh Steelers trailed the Arizona Cardinals 23-20 until Ben Roethlisberger lead the offense down the field for a game-winning 78-yard drive as the Pittsburgh Steelers won the game 27-23.

Though Super Bowl XLIV was not as close as the two previous Super Bowls, the game still featured one of the best quarterbacking performances in Super Bowl history. New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions on 39 pass attempts, helping to lead the Saints to a 31-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts. Brees had overall success that postseason with eight touchdown passes and zero interceptions.

Another one of the NFL's best quarterbacks turned in a

great performance in Super Bowl XLV as Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers completed 24 of 39 passes for 304 yards, 3 touchdown passes, and no interceptions. His performance lead the Packers to a 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Packers rode Rodgers' hot hand all postseason long, as he threw nine touchdowns to only two interceptions.

The experts have certainly given a lot of credit to the quarterback in recent Super Bowl games. Three of the four previously-mentioned quar-

terbacks won the MVP award in the Super Bowl, with the exception being Ben Roethlisberger.

It is the performance of these quarterbacks that have caused most NFL franchises to try and find "their guy" in hopes of competing for a Super Bowl ring.

Editor's note: Phil Alexander and Kevin Lessard host a sports talk radio show titled "The Trifecta" every Friday afternoon from 6-8pm on 91.5 WWLR.

'Tis the season of love

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

Save the date folks because this Monday, Feb. 14 is going to be filled with cards, candy, flowers, hugs and kisses. Flowers will range in numbers from one to a dozen and in some cases so many it's like your loved one bought out the florist shop. The day of course is Valentine's Day; this romantic holiday in which cards filled with messages of love will surely lift the spirit and bring about a smile from your loved one.

We all know that some

people are sour about this day and others embrace it and enjoy some time with their loved ones. Whatever the case may be, take the time if you have that special someone and take them out to dinner, get them some candy, flowers, and by all means give them some hugs.

Many restaurants will expect an increase in customers this day, as well as your local stores that carry cards will start having some empty spots on the shelves. This card shortage makes shopping hard for some people that wait to the last minute to get a

card. If you are that person that waits till the last minute, it's fine- a lot of us do it, even me.

Whatever your plans are for Monday, it doesn't matter, just make your loved one happy, enjoy your time with them and if money allows get them a nice card, chocolates and even some flowers. If money is abundant take the extra step and bring them out for a nice meal. What you ultimately decide is really only up to you, but have fun and be safe. Happy Valentine's Day!



Weekly horoscopes

Aries

March 21-April 19

Feeling down with V-day coming? Just put Katy Perry's Firework on repeat, by the 10th time around you should be feeling really good about yourself...

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Maybe, someday you can have a relationship like Sammi and Ronnie. Or, maybe, hopefully, you can aspire for more.

Gemini

May 21-June 20

Alone this Valentine's Day? Take some of Usher's advice, Make love in this club. Hopefully, it can be somewhere other than The Packer.

Cancer

June 21-July 22

Hey Cancer. No Valentine for the big day? No worries, just go spend some of that extra money you'll be running into soon. Remember, shopping is better than sex: if you aren't satisfied with what you got, you can exchange it for something better.

Leo

July 23- August 22

As George Carlin wisely said, "Men are from Earth. Woman are from Earth. Deal with it." Make up with your sweetie by treating them to a romantic lunch at the Horner's Nest.

Virgo

August 23-September 22

Candy and stuffed bears won't make up for your bad behavior last night, Virgo. Class your Valentine's Day up with an alcoholic gift and maybe your sugarbunch will forget what you did.

Libra

September 23-October 22

You're lucky Libra! The stars tell me this week is yours to be lucky in love or lust.

Scorpio

October 23-November 21

Take it easy this week, Scorpio. Last week's Superbowl party will be taking its toll. See if your significant other will give you a rubdown.

Sagittarius

November 22-December 21

Silly Sagittarius, listen to Tina Turner. Love is just a secondary emotion, stick with your friends this Valentine's Day.

Capricorn

December 22- January 19

You can't buy love on eBay. Try going out this weekend Capricorn.

Aquarius

January 20-February 18

The work-minded Aquarius has no interest in love this week. But hey, what's love got to do with it?

Eating with Em: delicious dip



Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment
Editor

Chef's Corner

This may be a healthy snack for an alternative to all that junk food that most of you ate during the Super Bowl. This recipe is extremely cheap, healthy, and delicious. You can eat this dip guilt-free. It can make a great snack for while you're working on homework. Anyone can make this, even if you live in a dorm with no kitchen at all. Also the total cost for this snack is under \$5 and is more than enough for more than one. This recipe should feed at least 4, 1/2 cup servings of dip each.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Fruit and Yogurt Dip

Ingredients:

8oz softened Cream Cheese
2 cups non-fat vanilla flavored Yogurt

Instructions:

Mix together well softened cream cheese (the softer the better) and the yogurt together until well blended. Eat right away or chill for later. Dip into strawberries, bananas, pretzels or any other ingredient you think would taste good with the dip. Experiment and find your favorite ingredient with the dip.

Nutritional Aspect

This is actually a

rather healthy recipe. If you choose ingredients such as bananas and strawberries to dip into your yogurt dip then it is even healthier. Yogurt is extremely good for you, especially women. Doctors will suggest eating a serving of yogurt a day. Yogurt is low in saturated fats and cholesterol and it's a great source of protein, Vitamin B12, Potassium, Zinc and Calcium and cream cheese contains a good source of Vitamin A. All of these are important for a well-balanced healthy diet.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at:

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Flip out over "Flipped"

Tyler Kittlemen
Critic Staff

"Flipped" is a film about a girl named Juli Baker (Madeline Carroll) who falls in love with a boy, Bryce Loski (Callan McAuliffe), at first sight of his blue eyes.

They both develop a very funny relationship: Juli who likes Bryce and can't stop thinking about him, and Bryce who just wants to be friends with her or so he thinks.

As the story progresses, the two find out things about each other that they never knew before, and this makes

them start to think about one another and who they really are.

"Flipped" is by far a one-in-a million-film. It's a new, outrageous, and realistic film and most films today don't have that. This film also shares unique qualities that most films today would not even dare of trying.

For example, certain transition and shot angles in the film some film directors might take as to unprofessional or has a homemade feeling to it.

I thought it was original and amazing that there was a voiceover through out the

whole film, not that many films today share this trait and if they do have a voiceover it's not for to long.

This film shocked me because I wasn't expecting it to be that mind-blowing, but it was. I give this film 4.5 out of 5 stars.

If you're interested in watching dramatic, lovely and hilarious films like this one then go check out Catamount Arts for this one and for many other films they have coming soon, and remember: it's free for Lyndon State College Students.

Fun village activities

Saturday -

Pancake Breakfast @

United Methodist Church from 7-11 a.m., by donation.

Ski and Ride @ Lyndon Outing Club from 12-4 p.m. and Torch Light Parade and skiing from 6-9 p.m.

Dancing with "Duty Free" @ Bear Den Lounge and Mid Burke Lodge, \$5 cover charge, 21+

Sunday -

Ski and Ride @ LOC from 12-4 p.m.

Monday -

Valentines Day <3

Wednesday -

Burke Mt. Pizza Night @ the Bear Den Lounge

Friday -

Night time ski and ride @ LOC from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday -

NEK Snowmobile Drag Race on Rt. 114, ALL DAY!!!

Food sampling day @ Burke Mt.

Chowdah fest from 4-6 p.m. @ LOC

Campus Fun!!!

Friday

Tug-o-war @ 1 p.m. at the Center of Campus
Broomball @ 2 p.m. @ the Pond
Sledding @ 6 p.m.

Saturday

Cup-o-Joe @ 1 a.m. between Stevens and LAC steps

Snow Sculpture @ 1 p.m. @ Wheelock Lawn

Snowball Accuracy @ 3 p.m. @ Rugby Field

Human Sled Dog Race @ 4 p.m. @ Rugby Field

Sunday

Due Date - Movie

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- Resolution Passed to Recognize ASAC Certification of LEADS Gold Standard.
- Michael Michaud Elected as VP of Residential Life
- Budget Proposals are Due Friday at 4pm

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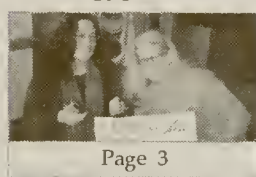
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Several faculty asked to retire

Sam Monroe
Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

With Lyndon State College facing what is widely believed to be about a \$750,000 deficit next year, the administration is starting to offer retirement incentives for some of the colleges more experienced and higher-paid professors.

"We've put together a package for faculty that the union has approved and we have spoken to faculty," said President Carol Moore. "It's their choice. Maybe some will be interested and others will not. It will certainly help."

According to several of the professors who have been offered the package, they would receive half a year's salary if they retire at the end of the spring 2011 semester. They would have to let the administration know their decision by mid-March.

The offer has been made

to seven professors, all 65 or close to 65 years of age. Linda Mitchell, Tim Sturm, Ronald Rossi, John DeLeo and Barry Hertz have all confirmed that they have been offered the package. Hertz said that his entire department (education) has been offered the package. That would mean Ernie Broadwater and Linda Metzke would also receive the offer, however they were both unable to be reached for comment at time of publication.

The seven professors make approximately \$630,000 combined.

None of the professors have confirmed that they will accept the package and several said that they would not.

"I'm considering retirement, not now though," said psychology professor Ronald Rossi. "It would be a couple of years out."

Not all of the professors are happy about the package. "It was one semester

of salary then I retire," said mountain recreation professor John DeLeo of the package. "It's not much of an incentive for me to retire."

DeLeo also went on to say he felt as though there

was a certain amount of pressure that if he doesn't retire there would be more layoffs for other faculty.

"I won't meet with President Moore," said special education professor

Tim Sturm. "I've been here for almost 30 years and if they would like me to retire I need to know the specifics of their offer."

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Secrecy in the SGA

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Want to know what the overall budget for clubs to divide up at Lyndon State College is each year? Good luck.

How about the actual vote numbers during secret ballots? Sorry, that's private information too, unless the Student Government Association executive board decides to give them up.

Part of Lyndon State College's SGA's description of itself is 'listening, empowering, changing'. However, there are some things the SGA keeps from the students it represents.

One part of the SGA at Lyndon that stays secretive is the 'magic number', which is the amount of funds available for club use every year. The SGA goes through a budgeting process every year that involves cutting every club's proposed budget until the 'magic number' is reached. Last year, the number was roughly \$117,000.

"It's really discouraged

to make cuts for the sake of making cuts," Executive Vice President of the SGA Rachel Keller said. "The point of a budget is to find where unnecessary money is going or where money is going unnecessarily, so if everyone knew exactly what number we're reaching, then the likelihood of cutting just to make cuts would greatly increase."

"It creates a fair and balanced atmosphere for all clubs. If we were to say it's a million dollars - which it may be - that's what clubs would cut to, and they would do it quickly," President John Kleinhans said. "It's for the best interest of the clubs and for everybody involved. And it always works."

The SGA at Lyndon is also notorious for keeping secret ballot results from the students it represents. The constitution states that "The vote count is not recorded or reported" when the decision is announced to representatives. However, it does not say that the results need to be kept secret after meetings.

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Phil Warrick directs traffic in this file photo.

Photo by Sam Monroe

Men's basketball looks to future

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team began and ended its run in the North Atlantic Conference at Husson University this season, but the team isn't about to let the loss slow it down.

The Hornets fell to Husson University in the North Atlantic Conference championship game by a final score of 84-73. The loss came one day after the team's first-ever NAC playoff win, defeating the Thomas College Terriers by a final score of 111-108 in a semi-final matchup.

With the win over

Thomas, LSC secured the title of runner up in the conference. After getting a taste of victory this season, the Hornets are already getting fired up for their 2011/2012 run.

"It doesn't affect me that much," freshman Phil Warrick said of not winning a championship this year. "Next year we'll definitely be able to do it, as upperclassman. We already have team chemistry, so it'll work out."

Warrick and Antonio Mena were both named to the NAC all-tournament team in the awards ceremony following the finals. Warrick

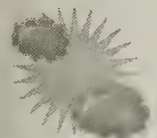
scored 32 points in the team's win over Thomas College and added 26 in the loss to Husson. Warrick, who has also been named NAC rookie of the year, left the first half of the Husson game with an eye injury. He returned in the second half after getting medical clearance.

"I got a rebound and I turned around and got full contact in the eye," said Warrick. "They gave me eye drops in my left eye. Coach told me to try to play through it because they needed me. But yeah, my vision was a little blurry."

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Weekend Weather Outlook: Alex Avalos & National Weather Service

Friday:



HIGH
25° » 31°
WINDS
LIGHT

▶ Mostly cloudy skies. Light and variable south wind.

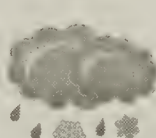
Friday night:



LOW
13° » 19°
WINDS
SE 14

▶ Mostly cloudy skies with a few snow showers late.

Saturday:



HIGH
36° » 42°
WINDS
S 15-20

▶ Rain and snow mix early will change to rain by noon.

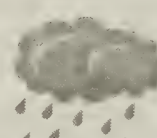
Saturday night:



LOW
32° » 38°
WINDS
S 13

▶ Rain continues through the night. 60% chance of precipitation.

Sunday:



HIGH
37° » 43°
WINDS
SW 10

▶ Heavy rain continues. Rain will change to snow overnight.

SGA approves budget with little opposition

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Clubs at Lyndon State College now know what their funds will be for the next academic year, after the Student Government Association voted to approve the budget that the finance committee suggested.

Before the vote took place, President John Kleinhans explained that the new procedure this year seemed to work well, and he hoped the SGA would approve. While presenting each club with proposals, the SGA had few questions.

"I think this is the best budget we can get. It keeps everyone level-funded," he said. "I would hate to see it go into a bloody war like we've had in the past."

If the budget had not passed, the SGA would then begin phase one of the previous way of budgeting, which in the past has gone late into the night several weeks in a row. In order for the budget to pass, two-thirds of the SGA body had to approve. Because



SGA President John Kleinhans addressing the representatives

Photo by Eric Wayne

the constitution does not currently state otherwise, the elected representatives that made up the finance committee were able to vote as well, despite the fact they created the proposed budget.

The proposed budget was approved with a 42-4 vote, with Kleinhans releasing the

secret ballot results, something that isn't usually done. However, before the vote took place representatives questioned what the 'magic number' is.

"The magic number is completely hidden, unfortunately," Kleinhans said.

"Weren't you just talking

about transparency?" LSC Ski and Ride club president Sam Pierog asked.

"The reason that the magic number is not open and given is because people cut to make cuts to get right to that number," Kleinhans said, adding for those who didn't like the policy:

"There's a constitution committee being formed next week."

The Outing club suffered the largest cuts to its proposed budget, receiving \$4000 of its requested \$11,780.

In second place for biggest cuts was the LSC Ski and Ride club, with a total of \$5750 being taken off its requested \$8100.

Other large cuts included the American Meteorological Society & National Weather Association, which lost \$3700, the Spirit Squad, which lost \$885, the Alliance for Women in Media, which lost \$2000, and the Strikers, which lost \$2400.

The 'magic number' for the next year is \$120,000, Kleinhans announced at the end of Wednesday night's meeting.

Kleinhans said the executive board is working toward a more open form of communication regarding secret ballot numbers, and that by releasing the results at this meeting, it sets a precedent for the future.

Several faculty asked to retire

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"I think it's fair that I ask for something in writing, I have not received anything and am left to believe that I won't receive anything," said Sturm. Sturm doesn't believe that this is the best action to take for saving the college money. "My response in the way to

help us out of this crisis is to decrease the administration," he said. "I don't know how old Dr. Moore is, but I think she's older than I am. I wonder has she considered giving herself this package?"

"I think that (the retirement incentive) is a great idea," said education professor Barry Hertz. "As a matter of

fact I talked to the president about doing something like this probably a year ago." Hertz says he thinks the package is a good idea, but not for him at this point in his life. "It might be good for some people, but retirement is such an individual thing. I feel that it's not a great package and for me I think that at present it's not going to fit my needs,"

said Hertz. Several of the professors understand that this is a decision that has to be made in an effort to cut costs. "It's clear from the budget numbers that costs have to be reduced," said business professor Linda Mitchell. Mitchell said that Moore opened the meeting by telling her that there will have to be

layoffs in order to cut the budget down.

"I think it's standard practice in an organization if they are planning to layoff people that they do first see if there are some people who are already planning to leave or maybe give them a little incentive to leave so that fewer people have to be laid off," added Mitchell.

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Third annual trip “amazing experience for all”



Lyndon State group, LovingArms, and members of the village Parrojas pose for a picture after receiving care packages (shown in front).

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For eight days over the winter break, eight students and two chaperones traveled to Guatemala for a service learning opportunity. They landed in Guatemala City on Feb. 17 and set out on what would be an amazing experience for all. From Guatemala City, they traveled to Antigua with trip guides Demetri, Jose Mario and Victor, where they stayed for the next six days. In Antigua they experienced the culture, learned about Guatemala's history, and provided many hours of service

to the surrounding villages. During the majority of the work days, the group joined forces with an organization called Loving Arms which is based out of Canada. The Lyndon group of thirteen, the Loving Arms group of seven and several locals bonded quickly and completed an extraordinary amount of work. Some of the service provided was: creating a security wall to surround a newly established co-op area, creating plots to plant crops at the co-op, building a house for a

local family, painting a church in Guatemala City, and working with and teaching children in three different villages surrounding the town of Parraños. On the last day, the trip travelled to Lake Atitlan by van and boat for a final day of reflection, relaxation and a closing ceremony.

Leaving Guatemala was bittersweet but plans to provide this opportunity again next year were already in the works before the group touched down in the states on Feb. 25. They plan to share

what they learned and accomplished with the Lyndon State community in several different forms. One upcoming event that they hope all will attend is the Guatemala Benefit Concert on March 12 at 7 p.m. in ASAC 100. They hope to raise enough money to sponsor the building of a house in one of the villages they worked in. They will also be collecting eyeglasses and sunglasses to donate. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door (\$1.00 off with a donation of glasses). On be-

half of the entire group, we wanted to thank all of those who helped us make it on this trip, including the Student Government Association for their donation. To read more about LovingArms, visit www.lovingarms.ca

Attendees were: Student Coordinators: Lisa Colangelo and Rachel Keller. Students: Julie Austin, Tom Guidoboni, Jessica Mason, Miranda Saunders, Colleen Shepard and Michelle Wilcox. Chaperones: Erin Rossetti and Pat Shine.

LSC professor finds peace among protesting

Erin Milne
Critic Staff

For one Lyndon State College professor, the recent protests in Egypt became a first-hand experience.

Alia Thabit, an instructor of composition and dance and a member of LSC's English department, spent two weeks in Egypt this January attending a dance retreat. Thabit spent part of her time in Cairo and on a boat journey from

Luxor to Aswan.

Thabit arrived in Aswan just as the protests against Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak were taking place. Thabit described the demonstrations on the nights of Jan. 28 and 29 as very chaotic and added that there was “a lot of tear gas” being used by police. By the next day, the situation had calmed down considerably, Thabit said.

Despite the turmoil

around her, Thabit said that she never felt unsafe. She said that several times she was on the streets during the protests, but Egyptian citizens escorted her out of harm's way. Thabit said she also felt safe knowing that the protestors were focused on their president, not on her and her companions.

“We never felt that there was any hostility directed toward us,” Thabit said.

Thabit's situation was

complicated by the fact that she was teaching an online section of ENG 1052, Exposition and Analysis. She said that the Egyptian government shut down the Internet as well as mobile phone service the night of Jan. 26, but she did not realize what had happened until two days later.

Thabit said she was able to contact her students by telephoning her colleague, Erin Narey. Narey informed English Composition coordinator Andrea Luna, who posted updates and news articles about what was happening in Egypt to Thabit's students.

Thabit praised her students and the staff at LSC for their help and perseverance.

“Everyone at Lyndon is on top of things,” Thabit said.

In addition to shutting down the Internet, the SMS network, and the mobile phone network in Cairo, the Egyptian government also stopped all trains and flights to and from Cairo, delaying Thabit's return. Thabit said an Egyptian friend was eventually able to get her on a charter flight to Cairo. Thabit flew to Cairo on Feb. 2 and back to the U.S. the next day.

“I am honored to be a witness to this historic event,”

Thabit said. She added that everyone she met in Egypt was very happy when they learned she was an American and often said things like, “Oh my God, I love America. I wish Obama were our president.”

Thabit said that the Egyptian people wanted Obama to make a stronger statement in support of their protests. She added that many people in the Middle East like America and wish we would do more to help them create genuine freedom in their own countries, instead of supporting dictators simply because it is convenient for us.

“They want us to acknowledge their need and be there for them,” Thabit said.

Thabit is currently in New York City participating in a play about the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Akhenaten. She also is continuing to teach ENG 1052 online. The online course is part of LSC's Moodle pilot program. LSC is in the process of switching its online portal provider from Blackboard to Moodle.

Thabit said she does a lot of traveling and is grateful to be able to be part of the LSC community in spite of this.

“I feel very, very fortunate,” she said.



Egyptians protest in the streets of Aswan.

Photo courtesy of Alia Thabit

Lyndon Institute growing

Nate Lucier
News Correspondent

Lyndon Institute is about to get some new tenants.

The Stevens School, which is currently located in Peacham, is going to be relocated to a portion of LI.

LI, the private high school right down the hill from Lyndon State College, will lease one floor of its historic Vail Barn building to the Stevens School. The middle floor of the building will be renovated and leased out. The move is planned to happen this fall after summer vacation.

The Stevens School is an independent elementary school, and it will remain independent even though it's becoming a small part of a larger campus.

"This is neither a merger nor a formal business partner-

ship. We respect Steven's independence and the quality of their academic programs," said Rick Hilton, headmaster at LI.

A meeting was held early in February between representatives for Stevens School and the LI Board of Trustees. This is when and where the board approved the idea of leasing out the middle floor of the Vail Barn.

The Stevens School consists of children from grades two to eight. The school is making the move to Lyndon to make it easier on these children's families around the Northeast Kingdom, who have to travel back and forth to pick up their kids, according to Stevens School director Julie Hansen.

Not only is Lyndon accepting new people into its community, it appears it is

welcoming a school with similar core values that are at LSC.

It is not a coincidence that LSC's Stevens Dining Hall has the same name as Stevens School. Both adopted the name from Thaddeus Stevens. Stevens was a congressman and the primary author of the 14th Amendment. He was known for his commitment to equality and his democratic principles.

Many schools, like the Stevens School and LSC, find his core values admirable, so both honored him by making his name a part of their school.

The staff at Stevens school are pleased by the relocation. The plans to relocate took five years, Hansen said.

"We're very excited about it," she said.

Election campaigns begin, Daly seeks presidency

Greg Besso
News Correspondent

As the spring semester rolls on, only one student has announced a run for the presidential position on the executive board of the Student Government Association.

Dave Daly, currently the administrative vice president, is the only announced candidate for SGA president so far.

Daly has been a part of the SGA for two years.

"I love this school and I really care about the students," he said of his decision to run. He also felt that "there were some changes that could be made."

Daly also feels that there are problems with the communication lines between the SGA and the LSC student body.

"That's the most important thing, developing a relationship with each and every student. I care about each student individually," he said.

There are many other ways that the SGA could be opened up to the entire student body. Daly believes that this could be done by "making meetings more public, perhaps doing a live stream during the meetings so that students can really see what's going on."

Even though the SGA meetings are open to the student body, few students actually come. Daly believes that this is the most important issue facing the campus

today.

Justin Chenette, the vice president of communications for SGA, has not formally declared candidacy, but agrees with Daly on the issue of communication between the SGA and the LSC student body.

"Rethinking the priorities, we can find out what the students actually want changed on this campus and actually carry it out," he said. "There are so many things that we can do on this campus, but we actually have to talk to students," he said.

Chenette also believes that the administration is in the wrong.

"I sat up there in front of the SGA and told the president of this college that she was wrong, that she did not support the students...she cuts the library, she cuts majors and minors. This is a problem," he said, adding that "students are having a hard time affording the cost of higher education, and it doesn't seem to me that the SGA is fully grasping that concept."

Although petitions are not due until after April break, there are several people announcing their plans to run for various positions.

Katee Ingram, a third-year elected representative, is seeking the administrative vice president spot, while Sean Siciliano, the vice president of the Campus Activities Board, is running for executive vice president.

STDs at LSC: not many

Jessica Walsh
News Correspondent

Studies say that one in four college students have a sexually transmitted disease, but does that necessarily mean that every college campus is full of these diseases?

Abby Provost, a nurse at the Brown House says that's not the case.

"I've only had one positive Chlamydia this year, and I believe there were only two positive cases last year," she said.

But how bad can it be, everyone uses protection, right? Wrong. Only 54 percent of students say they

regularly use condoms during vaginal sex, a possible reason why STD's are so commonly found on college campuses.

The Brown House and other healthcare providers on campuses around the country provide free condoms, but not all students are taking advantage of these resources.

In a nationwide poll, 60 percent of women said they would still have sex even if their partner refused to wear a condom.

As young adults, we need to realize that some partners, even those you really like, may not be worth having unprotected

sex with if it puts you at risk of getting an STD.

Lyndon State College's STD rate is very low compared to other college campuses, but that doesn't mean that they are still not out there.

Considering that roughly 50 to 60 students get tested at the Brown House each year, it leaves the other 1440 students questionable.

If you have any questions or would like any more information, call the Brown House at (802) 626-6440.

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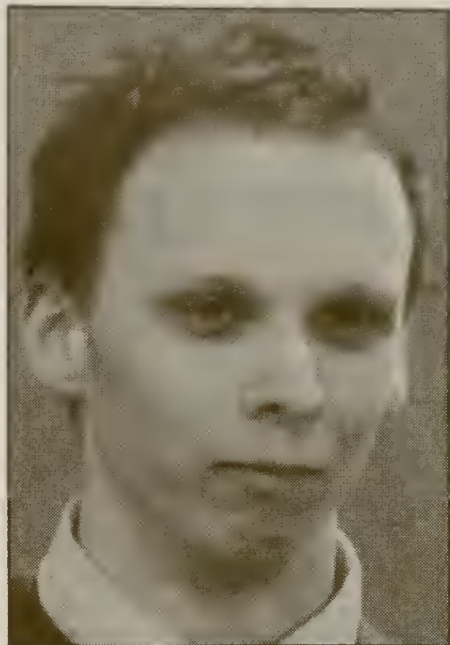
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Secrecy in the SGA

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"It's up to our discretion," Shannon Healy, the SGA adviser said on whether voting numbers are released.

"The only time that voting numbers [aren't] exactly actually released is when it's secret ballot. They always know that if something passes, it's by a certain majority, like in the case of impeachment, it had to be two-thirds, so people knew at least two-thirds were in favor of something," Keller said.

Some students at LSC say releasing voting numbers, or even eliminating the secret ballot, would increase open communication between the SGA and the student body.

"I believe that the key is for students to have an awareness of what their elected officials are doing," Justin Chenette, the vice president of communications for SGA said.

He also added that by eliminating secret ballots, representatives would be held more accountable by the students who elected them.

"Just because we've always done it this way doesn't make it right," Chenette said.

One situation at Lyndon that resulted in voting numbers being released was the special election for a new ad-

ministrative vice president following the impeachment of Chris Shadrock.

"That was a really unique situation because there were demands for numbers and people just didn't believe this person won and they wanted to know," Keller said. "There

"There's no secrecy with our budget and our students," JSC SGA President Ben Chaucer said. "We'll publish our budget in the paper."

"We'll release the budget to anyone," said Johnson SGA Senator Jonathan Willson. "Our number doesn't really

makes a monetary request.

Willson said when a club asks for money, the senators will generally accept "if we deem it worth giving to them." Each senator represents at least two clubs. Willson represents both the Christian Fellowship and the

them. This could also change with an amendment.

During the most recent SGA meeting at Lyndon in which next year's budget was approved, Kleinhans presented both secret ballot numbers and the official 'magic number'. After the meeting, he explained the decision to release the numbers allows for more transparency.

"It's a precedent for the future," he said.

Whether this becomes a regular SGA practice remains to be seen, however, because it is not formally written into the constitution.

"Just because we've always done it this way doesn't make it right." - Justin Chenette, SGA Vice President of Communications

were a lot of circumstances for that. There's nothing written anywhere that says we can't."

"Over the course of the last three years, it's gone from very secret to more open, and it's a way for the future, I think," Kleinhans said, adding that if students wanted to see changes in the amount of information they're given, "There would have to be a constitutional amendment, which would not take into effect this year."

Johnson State College has a different approach to determining the budget each year, allowing students to know exactly the overall budget for clubs.

change from year to year."

Like LSC, the student activity fee makes up a large portion of the budget given to the SGA at Johnson. Instead of being doled out to individual clubs, it is kept in a pool and given out as each club needs it.

Willson said the idea behind this system is to encourage clubs to fundraise, instead of being granted a budget at the beginning. The Johnson SGA also has a program in place that will match fundraising efforts up to \$300 each semester per club.

The Johnson SGA, made up of an executive board and nine student senators, is responsible for voting when a club

Otaku Anonymous club.

As for keeping secret ballots confidential, Chaucer said it's not an issue at Johnson.

"We don't run into a lot of issues where people have to hide how they feel," he said. The ballot results are public knowledge at Johnson.

Lyndon is a public college, which means that students have more access to information and ability to make decisions regarding their experiences at school. Currently, the 'magic number' will stay secret, unless students join together to propose an amendment.

Because there are no set rules in the SGA constitution, secret ballot numbers are also kept hidden unless the executive board decides to release

Want to change something about the SGA constitution?

Students wanting to make changes to the SGA constitution need to make a proposal to the Constitution Committee, which is formed each year. The committee would need to accept the proposal, and then bring it before the SGA, where two-thirds would need to vote in favor of it. If approved there, the student body would then vote to approve the changes, which requires at least ten percent participation. This vote would occur in April, and each individual change would be voted on separately.

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Barclay, Buck take to court for final time

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

The Lyndon State College women's basketball team is losing two seniors after making the playoffs for

the first time in the North Atlantic Conference.

Stephanie Barclay and Shauna Buck just finished off their last season as Hornets after losing to the University of Maine at Farmington on

Feb. 22 in the first round of the NAC tournament.

"They are both going to be sorely missed," said women's basketball coach Vinnie Maloney. "It's a big blow."

Barclay, a liberal arts major, was the starting point guard this year. She played basketball all four years and became a leader on the court.

"She really stepped into that role," said Maloney.

"(Barclay) being a captain was a big leader. She came into my office a week before the season even started and said, 'coach I want to do everything I can to make this team successful and I'll do whatever you tell me to do.' From her freshman year to her senior year she matured greatly. (Barclay) ran our team and got us to where we needed to go."

"It was fun," said Barclay. "I met a lot of friends that will probably last forever. I'm going to miss seeing those people every day, having something to do every night. I've played for 14 years on a team. It's going to be weird next year not playing in the winter."

Buck also started and helped shape the attitude of the team on and off the court. Buck says the team's chemistry was an important factor in the team's success.

"This year was

really good, we had a really good team," said Buck. "It's just because we all played together. With the starting five we all know the way we play."

"It's going to be tough not being involved in the team," said Buck. "I'm going to miss everyone I played with, that's the biggest part."

"Shauna was definitely the defensive specialist," said Maloney in regards to what people knew her for. "She brings a lot more than that. She helped the team out in every aspect. She worked her tail off and did everything she could to help the team out. When she was out there it was a big difference in the tempo, the attitude, and the energy."

Barclay and Buck were major reasons why the team went from 2-12 in the NAC a year ago to 7-7 this year and earning a playoff spot. Buck lead the conference in overall steals with 77, and Barclay lead the team with 66 assists.

"Those two were a big part of that success," said Maloney. "Not just the skill level that they brought, but the experience."

More than just basketball, the two players were also great representatives for the school.

"They both brought an atmosphere to this college that we want to have here on campus," said Maloney. "Not just as basketball players, they are both great students."



Photo by Sam Monroe

Coach Vinnie Maloney and captain Danielle Lafont share a heartfelt moment with senior guard and captain Steph Barclay after she is pulled from her last home basketball game at Stannard Gymnasium.

Men's basketball looks to the future

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Head coach Joe Krupinski was named co-coach of the year for his role in engineering a monstrous one-year turnaround for the Hornets. Krupinski is quick to give credit to his players for the team's success.

"It's really a team award," said Krupinski when asked about receiving the accolade. "I don't know how any of the individual awards are possible without the success of the team. It's a great honor, and I think it's a great honor for our guys. It shows how hard they worked and that they outperformed our expectations."

Krupinski also had high praise for Warrick and Jason Gray. Warrick received NAC rookie of the year honors along with a spot on the first all-conference team. Gray

earned a spot on the all conference second team.

"Phil was kind of...a unique situation where a freshman could come in and play a major role right away," he said. "Jason, since day one he's been here, he's the kind of guy we build around. He works hard out there and is such a great presence on both sides of the court." Krupinski went on to say that all of his players had "terrific years and were a big reason why we were playing in the final."

While the Hornets may have come up short this year, the other NAC co-coach of the year, Husson University's Warren Caruso, summed up Lyndon's potential.

"I thought Lyndon did a terrific job," said Caruso following their championship victory. "They kept up with Thomas who played a similar

system and obviously they were able to beat them.

They've got a good young nucleus of talent and they're going to be very formidable in the years to come. For them to get a number two seed was impressive."

With their surprise success, the Hornets are going to be one of the teams to beat in the NAC next year. Krupinski knows his team still needs to improve, however, if they hope to capture a championship.

"We have to go from the mindset where we're the underdog to the mindset to being the favorite, so that's a challenge," said Krupinski. "Guys have to realize that we can't just show up and expect to win next year. We have to get better, the rest of the league is going to get better. The two new teams coming in will make the league better

overall. Nothing's guaranteed; I think if we do what we're supposed to do in the offseason I like our chances next season."

Next season's schedule has been set, and Krupinski says it will feature several exciting matchups, including another NCAA division I Ivy League powerhouse. The Hornets will also face two new NAC additions, New England College and Colby-Sawyer College.

"I think next year's schedule is actually going to be harder," said Krupinski. "We've eliminated St. Joes and Vermont tech, which are two teams that beat us this year but are NAIA schools. We're going to a really good tournament in Utah next year, and we're going to play Yale."

Husson senior Josh Jones was named this year's NAC

all tournament MVP, Jones says that at the end of the day, Husson's defense is what allowed them to prevail over Lyndon to take home the trophy.

"They shot the lights out in the first half, number four, the point guard, he was lighting everyone up," said Jones. "But our defense came through, we had faith in our defense and they came through."

The Hornets certainly hope to light everyone up again next year, but until then, they'll be working hard in the offseason. Following their loss to Husson, several Lyndon players posted on social networking that they're getting back to work in the gym tomorrow. With that type of determination, who knows how high the Hornets can fly in their 2011/2012 campaign.

Mena sparks Hornets late season surge

Impact freshman.

This is a term given to a first-year student-athlete who made significant contributions to the success of an athletic program and Antonio Mena has fit that term this year.

For Mena, the road to a starting berth in the Hornet men's basketball lineup wasn't an easy one. A product of the highly successful Central Falls (R.I.) High School program, he was one of 17 athletes – including nine first-year players – vying for playing time in an up-and-coming program.

"Playing in high school was a lot easier than competing at the college level," he said. "Coming from a winning team (Central Falls played in three straight Rhode Island Class B state championship games - winning the title in 2010), and sitting the bench here early in the season was tough. But I felt if I worked hard the playing time would come. I focused on rebounding, boxing out, playing defense and getting along with the coaches and team. So far everything has worked out well."

In 14 NAC contests, Lyndon defied the pre-season polls where they were picked

to finish sixth out of eight teams in the conference standings.

Mena played an important role in Lyndon's success, playing in all 14 conference games, including six starts. His 22.5 minutes-per-game ranked fourth on the team and he shot an impressive .544 from the floor. Mena's 8.9 rebounds was tops on the squad in conference play and he also managed to hand out 2.3 assists per game while collecting 19 steals.

His play was so consistent, Krupinski called upon him several times to guard some of the NAC's top scorers including Husson's Josh Jones, the league's 2010-11 Player of the Year and tournament Most Valuable Player.

"It's not about being a leader for me," said Mena. "I love playing basketball and I love to rebound. When we lost Jason (Gray) to foul trouble against Husson, I told the coach I wanted to guard Jones and he let me guard him. It wasn't easy. Everything seemed to come my way, but I managed to box him out and jump higher than he did. It was a nice experience for me."

In NAC play, Mena recorded five double-doubles. He managed to save his best

performances for last as Lyndon earned a berth in the conference's Final Four. On Friday, Feb. 25, Mena scored 21 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in a 111-108 semifinal victory over Thomas before tallying 13 points to go with 11 rebounds in the Hornets' 84-73 title game loss to Husson.

His efforts landed him a selection to the NAC All-Tournament Team.

"I felt if I could help the team get along and work together, we'd get a chance to make it to the tournament," he said. "It's important for a young team to move on from problems. I thought it would be better for me to be the bigger man and help the team move forward. At that time it was important that we do the right things in practice every day and continue to work hard."



Antonio Mena puts in a layup in a recent game. Photo courtesy of LSC athletic department

Athletes who score in abundance may always get the headlines, but it's the players who rebound, pass, and play scrappy defense who make the difference.

Patience plays an important role in the development of that type of player, and Mena is quick to pass on his experiences on to those athletes playing at the prep level who wish to compete in the

collegiate ranks.

"It's important that you work hard and never give up," he said. "You can never let it get to the point where you put your head down because you're not getting playing time. If you can always practice hard, do the right things, stayed focused and move on from problems, everything will take care of itself."

Noisemakers

Sara Hamelin

News Correspondent

If you want to use a noisemaker at a Lyndon State College athletic event go ahead, but make sure that you use it at the appropriate times.

"Be loud, be proud, be positive," Director of Athletics Christopher Ummer said. "It is not the students' turn to be the center of attention; it's about the players. Support them in a positive way."

The policy on noisemakers is an NCAA enforced rule that "Spectators are not permitted to use artificial noisemakers, air horns or electronic amplifiers while the game is in progress."

The NCAA says that the game is not in progress when there is an official timeout or at half time.

LSC is a part of the North Atlantic Conference, NAC, and spectators also have to follow the conference rules.

According to the NAC sportsmanship and code of ethics there are expectations for fan behavior and a belief that the fans should "Cheer for your team, not against the opponents."

Kevin Lessard
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Critic Columnists

This year's NBA trade deadline was a circus to say the least.

Before the season had even begun, this year's trade deadline was set up to become a memorable one, as Carmelo Anthony had informed the Denver Nuggets that he would not sign an extension. While Denver did all they could to try and change Anthony's mind, it just simply was not enough. Carmelo Anthony was acquired by the New York Knicks, saying that they were the only team he would sign a long-term extension with.

Trading away Forward Danilo Gallinari and Wilson Chandler along with Guard Raymond Felton and Center Timofey Mozgov to the Nuggets, the Knicks did not come out of this trade with just Carmelo Anthony. The Knicks also received former All-Star Guard Chauncey Billups, along with role players Renaldo Balkman,

Shelden Williams, and Anthony Carter. With many draft picks flying to different teams, the Knicks also added Guard Corey Brewer while trading away Forward Anthony Randolph and Center Eddy Curry.

While the Nets missed out on their chance in the Carmelo Anthony Sweepstakes, they were still able to trade for an all-star of their own. New Jersey acquired guard Deron Williams in exchange for two first-round picks, Guard Devin Harris, and a potential star in Forward Derrick Favors. The Jazz also benefit from this trade by not becoming the next "Denver Nuggets" and losing their superstar, as they traded Williams away for some prospects and draft picks to help for the future.

Another blockbuster deal came around the 3 p.m. trade deadline when it was announced that the Celtics had acquired Forward Jeff Green and Center Nenad Krstic from the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Green could be the potential replacement for Captain Paul Pierce, while Kristic adds to the depth of the Celtics bench. There was, however, a price to pay as the Celtics traded away Center and defensive enforcer Kendrick Perkins along with back-up Guard Nate Robinson.

The Trailblazers quietly added another piece to their puzzle, trading away for Forward Gerald Wallace. They gave up two first-round picks, along with Center Joel Pryzbilla and Forward Dante Cunningham for the former All-Star Forward. Wallace's ability puts him into Portland's starting line-up, and

gives them an added push towards the playoffs.

Some minor trades also helped teams change their lineups. The Atlanta Hawks traded for Guard Kirk Hinrich, the New Orleans Hornets acquired Forward Carl Landry, and the Memphis Grizzlies received Forward Shane Battier. All teams added depth to help them rest their starters and keep them ready for this year's playoffs.

The trade deadline has brought a lot of new faces to unfamiliar places. Only time will tell if these trades were what pushed teams to playoff victory, or ended their season early.

What we've learned: NBA trade deadline more active than expected

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Eating with Em



Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment
Editor

Chef's Corner

I hope everyone's breaks went well and were relaxing, as today marks the end of yet another school week, four more to go until Spring break. It's time to get those head in the books yet again, stress levels may rise, but the week-end is here! Time to relax and make some of "Em's Pasta" and enjoy a nice home-cooked meal. It's really simple to make but tastes like a home-cooked meal. If you like mac & cheese you're sure to like this and it's different.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Em's Pasta

Ingredients:

1 lb Radiatore Pasta
1 Tomato
1 Vidalia Onion
½ Cup Chopped Baby Bella Mushrooms
1 Cup Cottage Cheese
½ Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
1 jar Alfredo Sauce

Salt and Pepper
2 TB Italian Seasoning
Breadcrumbs

Instructions:

Bring a saucepan of water to a boil, add pasta and cook for 8-10 minutes or until al dente. Strain water and set aside. Pre-heat oven for 350. Cut the onion to a small dice and then cook the onion just until translucent. Add 1 cup of water, mushrooms and tomato. Bring to a simmer. Add seasoning and S&P, along with alfredo sauce. Bring to a simmer. Pour into a bowl, add pasta and mix all together. Pour into a 13 x 9 pan. Sprinkle cheese and breadcrumbs on top and bake for 30 minutes or until slightly crispy on top.

Nutritional Aspect

This pasta dish has a good source of calcium which most people, especially college students are not getting enough of.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at:

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LSC yearbook is back

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

It has been 17 years since the last yearbook was designed and made available to the Lyndon State College community, but this year, it's making a comeback.

That is about to change thanks to a team of six students working to assemble what will be not only the first yearbook in 17 years, but a yearbook that Sarah Aube, a junior English major who is on the editor of the yearbook said "that celebrates the centennial and senior class."

To accompany this historical time piece there will be a look at each decade that Sarah describes as a "good mix of a look at the past 100 years." The information and images will provide proof of the transitions everything and everyone went through, from the development of new buildings around campus to the hairdos that were inspired by the various trends

throughout the last century. The yearbook will appeal to both current students and alumni that want to get a great look at the world that is LSC in 2011. What started out as a goal of a 72-page yearbook has now come together to be close to 100 pages, many of which will contain pages of photos provided from students and alumni.

"It's been really fun looking back at old pictures and the past," Aube said of working with these various photos.

The ordering process to get your yearbook is still in the works. It will be available for order online and by check through the college. Once more details are available they will be provided. In the meantime, if you have any pictures that you feel will be a great addition to this memorable time piece, you can go to the online article of this for the link to upload your photos via www.lyndonstate-critic.com.

Gnomes as you've never seen them

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

Garden gnomes have always been so quiet and peaceful...till now.

They may look great on the lawn and provide some much needed decor, but once you leave they are sure to come alive and have their fun. Gnomeo and Juliet shows the true life of gnomes, which is both entertaining yet sad.

If you thought you knew the story of Romeo and Juliet, the forbidden and deadly love they shared, think again.

Gnomeo and Juliet revamps this classic story and provides the audience with an interesting and amusing reconstruction of a classic tale.

The owners of the gnomes live in a duplex, but are in quite the feud themselves. When they both leave for

work the gnomes come to life and continue this hysterical feud in the yards of their owners. The gnomes and their friends are voiced by some great actors and actresses.

The two main characters Gnomeo and Juliet are voiced by James McAvoy (Wanted) and Emily Blunt (The Devil Wears Prada, The Wolfman). There are even characters voiced by people that you would have never have thought would be involved in this movie.

The voices of the various character range from the quite unexpected Jason Statham (The Expendables, The Mechanic) as Tybalt, the overly aggressive red gnome, to Michael Caine (Inception, The Dark Knight) voices Lord Redbrick the leader of the red gnomes. Ozzy Osbourne even voices a fawn who looks inno-

cent, but is quite opposite of that.

The story of Romeo and Juliet some of us may know pretty well. If you know the story, don't try to guess what will happen next because you are sure to be amazed with this movie. The reconstruction of this story will bring Shakespeare lovers and haters together for the feud of the century.

I recommend anyone who needs a good laugh to go see this movie; just remember when you leave your house and out of sight those precious gnomes sitting on your lawn may not be so innocent. Get ready for love, lust, laughs and complete and utter chaos with this wrong side of the fence frenzy of a film.

March CAB madness

The month of March can be quite the stretch as we get back in the college grove from the winter break we just had. Then before we know it we ready ourselves for the next break in April. Luckily, the Campus Activity Board has events that will speed up your weeks and get you back to break!

To kick-off let's start with the March movie madness events and as always movies at 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Alexander Twilight Theatre and Sundays at 3 p.m. in ASAC 100:

March 6: Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows

March 8 and March 13: Tron Legacy
March 15 and March 20: The Fighter
March 22 and March 27: Little Fockers
March 29 and March 31: The Green Hornet

Here are the live events in store for the month:

March 17 - Comedian Lauren Ashley Bishop from 9-11 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre graces us with her talents that are sure make your sides split from laughter.

March 24 - Musician Chris Ayer starting at 9 p.m. in the Student Center will be providing rock, pop and folk music to listeners

from all over campus. Grab some food from the Hornet's Nest, sit back and enjoy some tunes without the headphones.

Here are the commuter events for the month:

March 8 - Come get your temporary tattoo tacked onto your body at the Henna Tattoo event in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
March 23 - Get your bump on over to the Student Center and make some bumper stickers from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Last but not but not least, let's not forget the bus trip to New York City on March 19. Sign up March 14 to ensure your seat on the bus trip to the big city.

Broadway performance brings friends together

Diana Cogger
News Correspondent

An idea ends in an impromptu road trip 28 friends from all across the eastern United States will gather in New York City on Sunday evening for a single Broadway performance, the entire event planned and arranged by three Lyndon State College students.

It all started at noon on Thursday, Feb. 24. A single post was put up on Facebook that announced that Davey Havok (lead singer of the Alternative music group AFI) would take the role of St. Jimmy in the Greenday Broadway production of American Idiot. "Can you believe it?" said Caro Byrne, a huge fan of Havok. "Davey's on Broadway!! DAVEY IS ON BROADWAY!! We have to

get the crew together and go to this."

Byrne is a member of the Despair Faction (AFI's core fan club), and is going to NYC with Evan Shadowfax, another friend from out of town, and me.

At lunch that day it was mentioned in passing, and the news was met with large amounts of excitement. The entire lunch hour was spent saying "Wouldn't it be cool if..." and finishing the sentence with some seemingly farfetched idea. At some point in the discussion, it moved from just an idea to active planning.

By 3 p.m. that day there were five members of the DF who had bought tickets, a Facebook event had been created to help plan and organize this event and any DF member who lived within ten hours of NYC was invited.

What started off as a small idea passed around the lunch table has snowballed into this huge event. All of the members attending have bought their ticket, and are planning to meet for dinner at Smith's Bar and Restaurant, then head to the 7:30 p.m. showing at the St. James Theater in NYC.

This has grown beyond four friends planning on going; the band's official fan forums have had a discussion about this going for over a week. The DF is coming out in force to support Havok in his first Broadway appearance. Davey Havok will be on Broadway for only two weeks starting on March 1. For more information on Havok's performance schedule check out: <http://www.broadway.com/shows/american-idiot/>

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Tensions build as offered retirement deadline nears

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

According to a psychology professor at Lyndon State College, his retirement incentive came with a warning: accept the option, or expect cuts to your department.

"When I asked what the consequences would be if I didn't accept it, I was told specifically that a junior member of my department would have to be let go. When I suggested that that seemed to be putting a lot of pressure on me to make the decision, I was told that it wasn't," said psychology professor Ron Rossi. "But it's hard for me to figure out why that's no pressure on me because my choice would have meant somebody in my department would have been cut."

The junior faculty members in the psychology department are Meri Stiles and Peggy Sherrer.

Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton said the administration has not put pressure on the faculty and staff to retire in order to spare others.

"That's not accurate," she said, although she admitted if no one accepts the retirement proposals, there would have to be reductions. "In all likelihood, we would have to send non-reappointment letters to some of our untenured faculty. I don't know how many."

There are currently 26 untenured professors at LSC, with three of those working on one-year terms.

According to the chairman of the Faculty Federation, David Johnston, the idea wasn't to force retirement on anyone.

"Not having been a part of those individual discussions before, my sense is that what was intended to be informational in terms of the reality of the budget situation was interpreted as being undue pressure," he said.

A new retirement plan, although complete details

have not been released, is an improvement, according to Johnston.

"We certainly think that it is a generous and reasonable offer that is again entirely voluntary on the part of the potential retirees," he said.

According to Dalton, the new plan extends the deadlines of when a retiree would need to retire, giving him or her the option to end this semester, in December, or in May 2012, instead of retiring at the end of this semester.

"The revision is basically extending those deadlines to December or May," Dalton said.

The original retirement option, which is explained in the union bargaining unit agreement, allows for those wishing to retire to work for half a year for half the pay, and after that time officially retire.

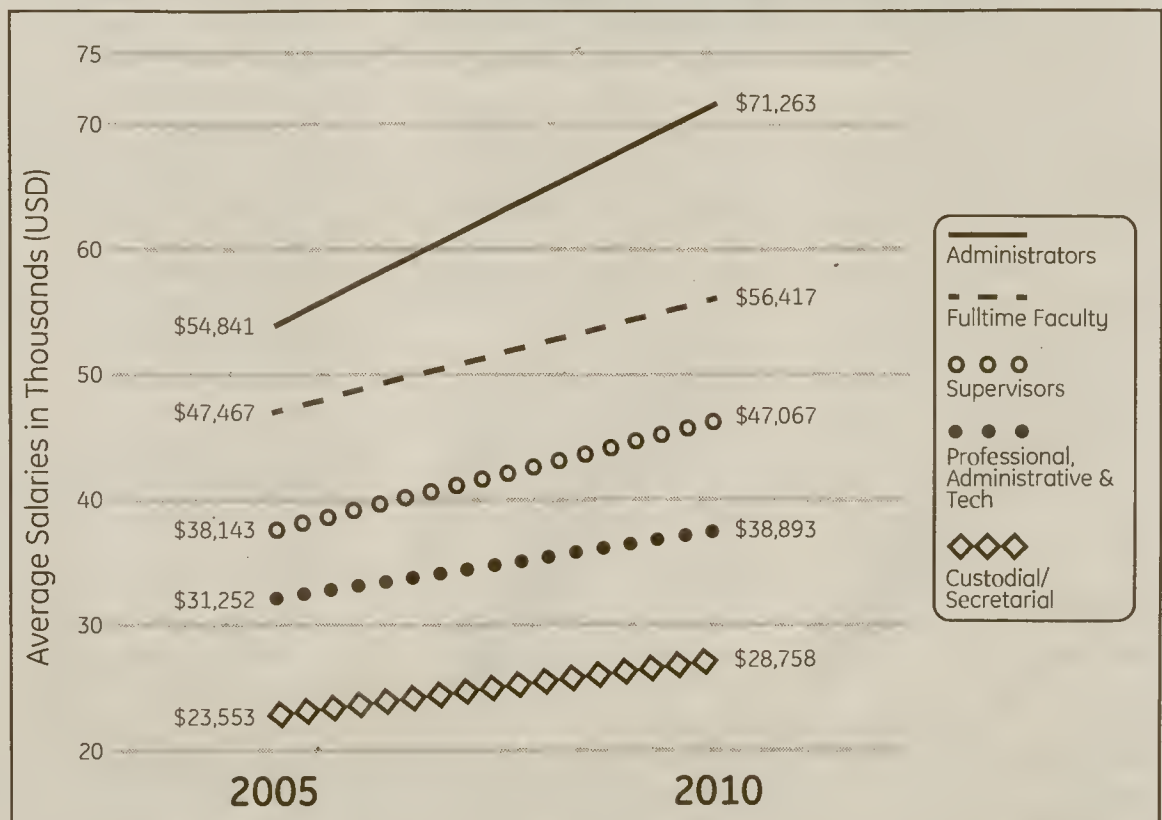
Faculty and staff need to explain their intentions by March 23, in order for the administration to consider if more people need to be given non-reappointment letters. The faculty and staff who will receive non-reappointment letters will begin getting them on April 1, with some coming in later weeks, depending on how long each person has been working at LSC.

Despite the new additions to the incentive package, Rossi is unhappy with the way the situation is being handled.

"I understand the need for it," he said. "What I didn't particularly care for was how it worked out in this case, how they did it in my case. I don't think other people were given the same kind of language that I was in terms of if you don't do this, somebody is going to have to leave in your dept. I don't know that they got that same message."

"The president said that even if I did accept it, there still might be cuts in my department. If I left, one more person may also," he added.

Dalton explained that the decision to not reappoint faculty and staff members



Information collected from Rachel Siegel, VSC public information and data, and VSC employee statistics.

Graph by Caleb Dudley

will be difficult.

"It's a horrible thing to be thinking about," she said. "We have a financial problem that needs to be corrected that just keeps getting bigger over the next three years. It's a big enough problem that it requires that we potentially reduce the size of our faculty and staff."

Johnston said he believes the second version of the

retirement plan is more appealing.

"My sense is that yes, those people thought it was a better plan, and at least one of them was inclined perhaps to take advantage of it," Johnston said.

Rossi is not interested in the plan yet.

"I think I'm still a year or so away from

what the package is. Right now, financial security in retirement is important, and I've got to make sure I have that before I can decide to retire," he said.

The final decision on whether or not to keep faculty at LSC rests with President Carol Moore, with recommendations from Dalton.

ANGRY STUDENTS TO PROTEST SIT-IN STYLE

Students at LSC are staging a sit-in straight out of the '60s to protest the college offering some professors early retirement and possibly releasing others.

"We're having a little protest to stand up for our teachers and show the administration that we disagree with the direction the college is going," said Adam

Brabant, a theater operations management major, who is working to set it up. "Hopefully on Tuesday we will be able to let the SGA and the administration know what the students really think and feel."

The protest will be held on Tuesday, March 15 in the Alexander Twilight Theatre lobby at 9 a.m. A Facebook event was formed, and at the time of publication, over 70 students had accepted the invitation.

Several faculty and staff are supporting the students' efforts.

"I think that it's very appropriate that students let people know their feelings about how this will effect their education," said David Johnston, the chairman of the Faculty Federation and professor of English, philosophy, and film studies.

"Students are the

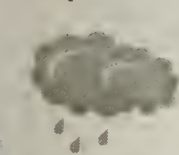
ones who are going to be impacted," psychology professor Ron Rossi said of the possible retirement of several faculty members.

Be sure to check out lyndonstatecritic.com on Tuesday for updates regarding the sit-in protest.

Other students helping to put the protest together are hoping to send a message to the administration. The facebook group created for the event says "Come sit and show the administration they cannot lay off our professors." As of publication the event had 76 people attending the event.

Weekend Weather Outlook: Alex Avalos & National Weather Service

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► Periods of light to moderate rain throughout the day.

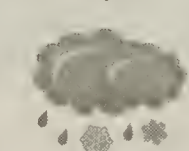
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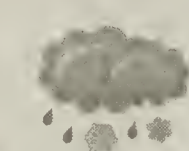
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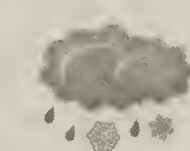
Saturday night:



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29° » 35°
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SW 5-10

► Snow continue through the night. 60% chance of precipitation.

Sunday:



HIGH
36° » 42°
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► Rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy.

Vermont hit by record snow storm

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The record-breaking snowstorm that closed Lyndon State College recently, was yet another storm in a winter that has featured many surprises.

"It's totally unprecedented to have three total closings in one winter, including the one during break," said the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Donna Dalton. "It's Vermont; we get snow."

The first closing this winter occurred on Feb. 2, and a closing during winter break on Feb. 25, followed by the most recent closing on Monday, Mar. 7.

The storm deposited the third-most snow ever on record in nearby Burlington: 33 inches on Feb. 26, 1969. LSCX received over two feet of snow, revealing the most snow ever reported in 24 hours at St. Johnsbury, 33 inches on Feb. 26, 1969.

"We had a student measure an unofficial measurement at our college of 25.5 inches," said atmos-

pheric sciences professor Jason Shafer. "You can usually go with a margin of error of plus or minus ten percent because of blowing and drifting of the snow."

Shafer is part of a group of individuals at the college who give input when the decision to close the college is considered. However, Shafer does not make the final decision.

"I advise the college and I can recommend or give them considerations to take into account," said Shafer. "It's not considered part of my job, it's a service to the college."

"There are multiple people involved in the decision to close the college," said Dalton. "There's myself, Wayne Hamilton, Tom Archer, Jay Shafer, our college's personal meteorologist, the president if she's available, and Jonathan Davis who are all involved in the decision."

In the instance of the storm that hit our region Sunday night and Monday, Dalton felt it was appropriate to wait until Monday morning to make a decision

about closing the college.

"We get forecast info. from Jay (Shafer) 36 hours in advance, and then he updates it as the storm gets closer," said Dalton. "As of the information we had Sunday evening I went to bed thinking we would have a delay. The thinking at that point was the worst would be from 4 p.m. Sunday until 4 a.m. Monday."

Dalton says she would rather not close the college unless there's a chance the campus would not be usable during the day.

"Closing the college is not a decision that we enter into lightly," said Dean Dalton. "It's terrible for faculty and students, particularly courses that meet once per week on the day we close."

The decision to close classes, especially when they are closed twice in a semester, can result in a huge inconvenience for students and faculty alike. LSC has no mandated number of class meetings like the public school system, however Dalton does hope professors fulfill their re-



A maintenance worker drives a snow tractor Tuesday. Photo by Eric Wayne

sponsibilities.

"My informal expectation is that faculty is doing what they can do to cover the material that they missed," said Dalton. "The assignments don't go away, but maybe the discussion will be shortened."

Communication between meteorologists and the general public can be one of the biggest problems during major storm situations, and such confusion has not escaped Lyndon in the past.

"A few years ago it wasn't clear to me that we should close and I remember Dr. Atkins being very unhappy, asking 'why didn't we close?!'," said Dalton.

Since that storm, Shafer has re-done the way he writes forecasts and recommendations to the administration regarding winter weather events. He now rates storms based on a five level travel impact scale.

LSC launches weather balloons

Catherine Vitale
News Correspondent

Atmospheric science students have been busy launching balloons throughout the semester, and not the balloons you would find at your local party store.

These special weather balloons have sensors that measure things like humidity, wind speed, and temperature at every vertical level of the atmosphere.

"We did two launches on Groundhog's Day," said sophomore Jimmy Bielli. "The second launch showed the layer of warmer air over the layer of colder air at the surface. For weather geeks it's kind of cool to see that."

A team of trained students run the weather balloon launches. Three members of the team focus on filling the balloon with helium to 400 PSI (pounds per square inch), while another sets up a computer station that records the results. Once the balloon is filled a radiosonde sensor is brought out so it can adjust to the outside air. When the radiosonde is adjusted and ready to go it is attached to the balloon and the balloon is released.

The team members will head inside to watch the results after the balloon begins its ascent.

The computer station will record the results as long as it maintains connection with the

sensor. Data may come in and out, but the team tries its best to get the information they need. The data from the launch helps the team see what's going on in levels of the atmosphere that are almost impossible to observe directly from the ground.

The balloon eventually pops and sends the sensor back to ground where it may be found and re-used. The sensor is rarely found because it usually falls into the ocean or some other deserted location and the general public doesn't really know what they

are or what to do with them.

The cost of a balloon launch is over \$500. Launches are generally held during storms and special weather events, though sometimes launches are held for those who are interested in how it works.

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Veterans club, MEISA join SGA

Tyler Schofield
News Correspondent

The Student Government Association has recently added two new clubs: the Veterans

club, and MEISA.

The Veterans were started by a group of current war veterans as a way to get connected to resources available for veterans. This club allows

them to share information about their time in the service, and to give students in all branches of the armed forces a way to connect on campus.

The Veterans' constitution states, "The purpose of this club is to provide support and representation to our LSC and local military personnel and their families. This shall include but is not limited to literature and contact information for counseling, medical care, and financial aid."

SGA Advisor Shannon Healy said, "There's been a growing number of veteran students on campus, so I think this is a great way for them to be aware of the services available to them."

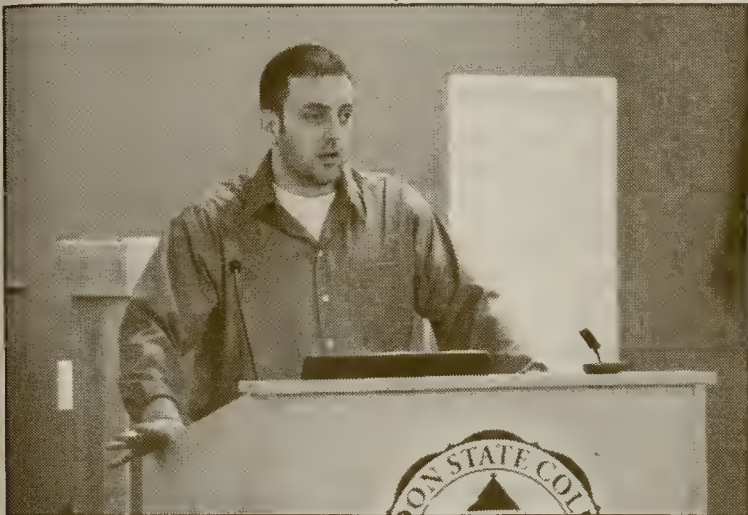


Photo by Eric Wayne
Jason Clark of the Veterans Club speaks at an SGA meeting.

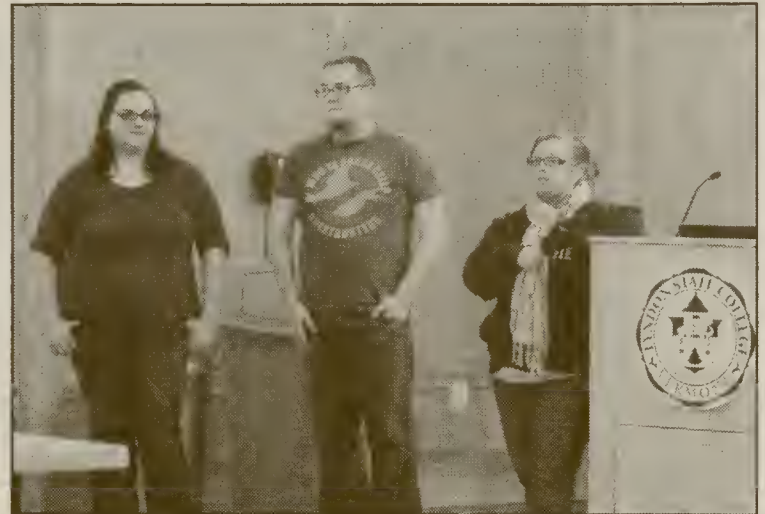


Photo By Eric Wayne
Members of MEISA Ashley Ahern, Brian Lacharite, and Nora Barney speak at a recent SGA meeting.

The club is also open to any student." Any student interested in joining should stop by the student activities office for information.

The Music & Entertainment Industry Students Association (MEISA) is a group for students in the Music Business major. The purpose of MEISA is to create a network in the music and entertainment industry with other colleges, and also with people that are already in the field.

The club is led by presi-

dent Nora Barney, Vice President Isaac Tanney, Student Representative Brian Lacharite, and advisor Joe Gittleman.

"It's a great way for students who want to pursue a career in this field to get their foot in the door and explore more of the opportunities the music industry has to offer." Said Barney.

Anyone interested in joining MEISA should contact Nora Barney.

National weather limits dining hall menu

Julianne Walshaw
News Correspondent

Stevens Dining Hall is cutting back on the ingredients in its menu due to a national produce shortage.

Unusual weather patterns in southern United States and Mexico have the nation tightening its belt on fresh produce. The freezing temperatures and flooding

have made this a bad year for a number of different vegetables and the dining hall is feeling the impact.

"We are definitely being affected by the shortage," said Food Service Director Adam Vigue. "It all comes down to supply and demand. When the supply goes down and the demand remains the same, prices are going to skyrocket. For example, you can usually

buy 25 pounds of cucumber for around \$25 but now the price has jumped to around \$60 and this isn't just happening here, you see it everywhere, even at the grocery store."

Winter is always a hard time of year for the dining hall to get fresh produce, even the price of meat goes up, but to cope with the new, even higher costs the dining hall

has made a few modifications to the menu. One of the largest cutbacks is squash which has had its price nearly quadrupled this season. The goal of the dining hall is not to eliminate the scarce vegetables, but to try and use them sparingly.

"As a country we've taken for granted the amount of produce that's typically available to us. It's unfortu-

nate that the dining hall has to modify their menu, but this shortage gives them an opportunity to use more locally-grown produce, which is always a good thing," student Joseph Peters said.

Vigue expects that the cutbacks will last until about spring. Regardless, students should still expect to find healthy meals being prepared for them in the dining hall.

Leahy Center searches for mentors

Sean Siciliano
News Correspondent

The Leahy Center is looking for students to mentor ninth and tenth grade students as a way to give back to the community and make some money as well.

The center launched its campaign to search for mentors in the past month and is hoping to get the program up and running in the next few weeks.

"This is a program derived from Lyndon's own peer leading model," said Renee Kelly, the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Leahy Center. "We are just taking the model and passing it down to the high school level."

Kelly said the mentor program is in the beginning stages and the search for men-

tors is well on the way.

"When getting the Promise Scholarship, being a mentor is just one of the ways I can give back," said sophomore Shera Howe, who is one of the candidates for the new mentor position being launched by the Leahy Center.

In the future promise scholarship winners will be asked to serve as mentors later on.

The Leahy Center is reaching out to high school students in order to get them interested in going to college.

Students that are interested in being mentors need to meet a certain amount of qualifications.

"We hope that by connecting college students to high school students it will help connect students and draw them to college," said Kelly.

Lyndon State was picked to be one of the five participants in the Nellie Mae Education Foundation's Project Compass, making it possible for the Leahy Center to come to LSC.

Kelly still encourages students who do not fit the exact description for mentors to stop by and see if they can help.

What is a mentor?

Primary Role:

Establish a trusting, mutual, empathetic relationship with 9th-11th grade students who are uncertain about their plans after high school.

Qualifications:

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
Upperclassman (2nd-year or higher) standing
First-in-family college

student (neither parent holds a four year degree)

Pell-eligible

Strong interpersonal skills and leadership capabilities
Positive attitude and good listening skills

Must be mature, reliable, and committed to success of the program

Caring, patient, and empathetic

Respectful, non-judgmental and flexible

Native to the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont/North Country of New Hampshire preferred

Benefits:

Engage in meaningful volunteer opportunity by serving as a role model for disadvantaged youth

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SGA is far from secretive

Dear Editor:

The Lyndon State College Student Government Association Executive Board is pleased to announce the passing of the 2011-2012 school year budget with a vote of 42-4, in favor of the budget. The approach we took this year and the results it yielded is a great reflection of the teamwork and innovation our SGA is capable of. The LSC SGA is an open and transparent organization, as after the budget was approved the executive board decided to release the vote total and the "magic number," though *when* the number was revealed is an important factor. The "magic number" each year is kept undisclosed so that representatives of the finance committee do not make cuts just to reach that number, but instead focus their time on doing what is best for each club at Lyndon State College. After the budget was approved, the number was deemed appropriate for public access.

We believe that a recent article, "Secrecy in the SGA," is an unfair depiction of the progress and thoughtful work that a group of about 50 students have put in for this college over the past school year, and school years prior. This article puts under scrutiny solely past proce-

dures, only alluding to the positive improvements in a sentence or two at the end of the article. One paragraph refers to a system implemented at Johnson State College, another Vermont State College. The article says, "Johnson State College has a different approach...allowing students to know exactly the overall budget for clubs." We believe that this statement is completely misleading, since the article continues to illustrate the fact that there is essentially no budgeting process, only continuous funding requests for clubs to obtain money. The way budgeting is conducted in the LSC SGA is not only responsible, but gives clubs the opportunity to have a say-so in their budgets for the next fiscal year. Budgeting meetings were and are open to the entire student body, and the final budget was released with the minutes from the meeting two days before the article was printed, available at www.lyndonsga.com.

Many concerns have arisen from this article. The writer states that "the SGA at Lyndon is also notorious for keeping secret ballot results from the students it represents." The use of the word "notorious" to describe the balloting procedures is the equivalent of describing such procedure as "dishonorable,"

"tarnished," and "infamous." Using a description as such is utter opinion (and an untrue depiction) and unprofessional to be published on the front page of the Critic. The writer also wishes "Good luck" to students wanting to know what the "overall budget for clubs" is, highlighted in the first paragraph. Said writer attended all finance committee meetings and budgeting meetings, and was never once restricted in taking notes, recording statements, etc., at said meetings.

The LSC SGA is always open to constructive ideas and suggestions and not simple criticism that offers no real solutions. If you have a question or a concern, please don't hesitate to find the list of representatives on www.lyndonsga.com or on our Facebook page.

Respectfully,

John Kleinhans,
President

Rachel Keller,
Executive Vice President

David Daly,
Administrative Vice President

Nicholas Russo,
Financial Controller

Shannon Healy,
SGA Adviser

SGA has nothing to hide

Dear Editor,

As I have seen online that the Executive Board of the SGA has already responded to the article that was printed about how secret SGA is, I only feel it necessary to reply as well. As a member of the SGA I was not only offended, but confused when I was done reading the article. The person who wrote the article goes to every SGA business meeting and budgeting meeting and takes notes, never once was she told to leave, yet SGA is supposedly secret?

SGA has been and will always be open for any student to attend, other club members sat in on budgeting and listened to what was going on, on top of reading the meeting's minutes when they were posted online so they knew how the process was coming along. ANY student has access to any and all of these documents and meetings. It's posted all over facebook and other social networking sites, and emails about meetings

and if anyone wants to attend they are welcome to.

I feel SGA has become anything but secret, more and more students have gotten involved and continue to be doing so. The whole reasoning behind the "magic number" isn't to keep people from knowing it, it's to keep cuts from happening to clubs just to reach the magic number. Cuts are made for the reason of bettering the LSC community not to just cut to get to the number. Anyone can also ask to pull the numbers from a secret ballot vote, so there really isn't any secret behind those either.

As a member of SGA I feel as if this article portrayed everything we have accomplished this passed year in a very negative way and refused to high light the great things we have done. Budgeting was an hour long this year, that's a record! I think this community should start seeing the light within SGA instead of always trying to see it as a negative thing. Stu-

dents will continue losing faith in our student government if more articles like these are written on personal belief instead of actual facts. Thank you!

Katee Ingram
Third Year Representative

It's all about numbers

Dear Editor:

President Moore and her administration intend to address the latest financial crisis of their making by reducing (probably permanently) the number of full-time faculty who teach Critic Editor Sam Monroe and his fellow students. She will offer retirement incentives (not clearly specified) to seven senior faculty members who represent approximately 200 years of knowledge, skill and commitment to this college, or she will not reappoint (fire) untenured faculty, also knowledgeable and skilled, who represent LSC's potentially bright future.

Let there be no doubt that senior faculty are being pitted against junior faculty; the President and Deans will watch from the sidelines.

I have some questions: First, I believe that Lyndon State College is currently the only college in the Vermont State Colleges to seriously contemplate "RIFs" (reductions in force) via retirement incentives, non-appointments of junior faculty, etc. What did the administrations at the other VSC colleges do right?

Second, please consider the following numbers on LSC's full-time faculty, Deans and students. I ob-

tained this information from LSC catalogues, VSC Board of Trustees Minutes and other VSC public information sources:

See chart below.

*Please note that there are seven Dean's positions. Associate Professor of Business Mark Hilton (full-time faculty) is currently doubling up as a temporary "Dean" of Admissions.)

**Number of students is given in two categories: Full-time equivalents/ Head count.

Does it make sense to cut back on full-time faculty? Might there be another group that needs trimming?

And finally, how will our students' education be enhanced by our administration's latest attempt to reduce the numbers (and influence) of full-time faculty?

I appreciate the Critic's efforts to present, accurately and fairly, complex news stories about LSC's continuing financial woes. I am reassured that a free press is alive and well at Lyndon State College.

Sincerely,

Timothy Miles Sturm,
Ph. D.
Professor of Education and
Special Education

Year	Full-time faculty	Deans	Number of Students
1996-1997	60	3	1060/ 1137
2000-2001	56	4	1125/ 1247
2006-2007	56	6	1290/ 1410
2010-2011	56*	7*	1303/ 1436

Life of a Specialkid

Comic by Sherra Howe
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Secrets are no fun; they do exist though

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association doesn't allow students to know how much money there is to be divided up between the clubs before the budgets are passed.

Students are also not allowed to know the actual numbers in secret ballot votes.

Those are the facts.

Anytime the SGA president uses the words "completely hidden," to describe something, it indicates a secret. Those are the exact words he used to describe the 'magic number'.

We are also told that the clubs have a say in their budgets. However, club reps were not allowed to speak at the finance committee meetings or answer questions; questions that could have

easily been answered by thoroughly reading the budget packets.

I understand these meetings were all "open meetings," but how open are meetings that club reps are discouraged from attending and no one can speak or answer questions that would be easily answered?

Vote totals are not recorded in the minutes of the SGA meeting. We are told that these numbers are kept secret because they are by secret ballot votes. Well, correct me if I am wrong, but lots of votes in our country are by secret ballot, and we are allowed to know the vote totals of those elections.

How absurd would it be if the government just told us that Obama had won his election, but gave no numbers or margin of victory? What if we were told Con-

gress passed a budget, but couldn't know by how much or how much money they needed to cut?

Currently the numbers are counted by a few members of the executive board and tossed out. Shouldn't these numbers be recorded on big topics, such as impeachment, just in case of a dispute? Having the numbers would not only make the SGA more transparent, but it would also help protect the executive board if anyone ever attempted to dispute the results.

A vote is secret so you don't know who or what I voted for, not so the numbers can be withheld.

Yes, the SGA did release the vote totals and the 'magic number' as they point out in their letter, printed on page four. However, they released the num-

bers after the process was finished.

The argument behind hiding the number is that reps will make cuts just to make cuts. Are we really that childish? I would like to hope that students could look objectively at a budget and decide what is more important to the school.

The argument that releasing one vote total makes last weeks page one article "Secrecy in the SGA" irrelevant, is in fact irrelevant. If that were true, then after the numbers for last November's special election were released, the vote totals would have been released from then on; they have not been.

The reporter for this story is not accusing anyone of being secretive, nor is she trying to stir the pot. The Critic is simply reporting the

facts.

The Student Government Association has never asked a non-representative student or a reporter to leave any meeting for regular business or the finance committee.

Nor has The Critic reported that such an action occurred.

I commend the SGA executive board for trying to be more transparent; however, releasing the numbers of two votes (five months apart) is not setting a precedent.

Nothing The Critic does has any affect on whether the students lose faith in the SGA; the SGA has all the control over that. We print the truth, and if that isn't good for the organizations we report on, maybe a change is in order.

The man, the myth: Mr. Sheen

Chris Peltier
Critic Staff

I'm addicted.

No, not to Asian Internet porn, or to huffing spray paint (...any more. Paint free since '93!). Not even to the smell of a fresh tube of tennis balls. I'm addicted to Charlie Sheen. To winning.

The man is all over the media, as he well should be. Forget the financial crisis, forget the war we're fighting, this man's personal life is a story that cannot be matched. Day in and day out we wake up and do things we don't want to do. Sometimes we have to do the things we don't like to do. Not Charlie. He wakes up, puts his pants on one leg at a time just like you (except a naked porn star is usually dressing him), and then he pisses excellence. Luckily for Charlie, excellence doesn't show up in most modern drug tests.

He essentially got to play himself on television for millions of dollars. Next time you're at the bar, why not order yourself a Charlie Sheen? It's sex on the beach with a red headed slut and a whole bunch of Coke. Garnish with an orange wedge. He sure does love his coke. If you rearrange the letters of

Charlie Sheen, you get "inhales cheer". Winning. His nostrils must be more banged up than McGoff Hill. And just as snowy. But Charlie is a pimp in every sense of the word. Last week he took a million dollar yacht into the Pacific Ocean to show Jaws on a huge projection screen with his "goddesses". It reminds me of that time I was watching Backdraft with a bunch of hunnies in a burning building. That did not go over as well.

But no longer will I live the life of a loser. I'm winning. Finals come around and you need that little boost? No more popping your hyper friends Adderall. Do it Sheen style. Start banging down seven gram rocks because that's just how you roll. Infuse yourself with tiger blood. Sheen style. His family tree is more majestic than the great redwoods of California. His father? Oh, just this guy Martin Sheen. You may remember him as being President of the United States, no big deal. I mean it was just on the West Wing, but still closer than I'll ever get. So obviously Martin created Charlie, a full blown winner, but didn't he have a son who didn't adopt the family stage name of Sheen? Let me give you a hint. I was standing in line to use the pay phone.

And this guy who was on the phone turns around tips his hat. And who do you think that guy was? Emilio Estevez. The Mighty Duck man, I swear to God, I was there. I was like "Emmmiiiiillio!" That's right, Gordon Bombay himself. I'd love to be a fly on the wall at those Thanksgivings.

I'm going to leave you with a quote Charlie gave when asked about his substance abuse problems "I am on a drug. It's called Charlie Sheen. It's not available because if you try it once you will die. Your face will melt off and your children will weep over your exploded body. It's too much." I was on a drug called Paris Hilton for a while, but it didn't mix well with alcohol, made me throw up after every time I ate, and tasted like the fallen tears of a hotel chain pioneer. Not to mention the rash it left me. ...

Until next week, keep on winning folks.

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write a letter about the plowing situation Monday. I've heard a lot of rumors and I wanted to share my thoughts and opinions. I thought overall the cleanup went well after the storm; I have a lot of respect for the people that do it and for the work itself, as someone who used to work late hours pushing snow and snow blowing sidewalks with a landscaping company in Maine. My only suggestion for the next school year would be finding a way to work from start to finish during the storms. Whether it be rotating drivers through the night or finding another alternative to just make the roads passable.

Unfortunately, even when school is closed students still travel. Public Safety will still need to do rounds and respond to emergencies. Emergency vehicles may need to get on campus and essential

staff members still need to come to work. In situations like Monday, it makes that job very difficult, sometimes impossible.

As one of many staff members that lives on campus and calls this place home, I know first hand what this place can be like after a few feet of snow. My only suggestion would be for the appropriate personnel to get together in the summer months and form a plan of action for these situations in the future. Keeping up with the snow on campus needs to be a priority. It only takes one time for an accident to occur. If emergency services can't get on campus or take longer than needed because of poor snow removal in the middle of a storm, we could have an even bigger problem on our hands.

Nathan Rossetti
Public Safety Officer

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New majors, new opportunities come to LSC

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

Students at Lyndon State College will have two new majors to choose from beginning next year.

At the start of the fall 2011 semester, two new majors will be available to students enrolled at LSC. These majors include criminal justice (which was implemented as a minor in the fall of 2009) and sports management. Sports management was previously a concentration under the exercise science major, but now will be its own major.

There is a process for new degree programs to be implemented that is followed by all the Vermont State Colleges. First, the new degree program has to be approved by the Faculty Assembly and the college's president. Next, the proposal undergoes a three-step approval process by the Council of Presidents, made

up of all VSC presidents and the Chancellor.

The first step is referred to as "early alert," and at this level, all the presidents have the chance to consider the degree program proposal. Step two includes a preliminary proposal form, known as policy 102, where an abstract of the program is reviewed by the Council of Presidents and Board of Trustee Committee called the Education, Personnel, and Student Life committee, or EPSL. If approved at this level, a final proposal that outlines in greater detail things like costs, faculty, student audience, etc., is presented. Once approved at this level by the entire Board of Trustees and EPSL committee, the new program can be implemented.

Criminal justice has been completely approved, and sports management has been approved at the second level with the Council of Presi-

dents, with the final decision expected in April.

Professor Janet Bennion of the social sciences department is thrilled to offer Criminal Justice as a new major in her department.

"We should be expanding the options, not decreasing them," Bennion said. "We should be addressing all areas of student needs with our programs."

"The criminal justice program will have courses that feature some real-life experts from the field, including Vermont attorney David Sleight, and Superior Court judge Walter Morris. Some of the criminal justice classes will be online, but most will be held in a classroom.

Other changes in the degree offerings at LSC include the consolidation of concentrations and closings of some majors. Currently, LSC has two concentrations in accounting, and after this year,

the plan is to eliminate them, and there will solely be a major in accounting. Similarly, the concentrations in mathematics will collapse, making available one major in mathematics. The small business management program will also be closing.

"There are other things under consideration," said Dean of Student and Academic Affairs, Donna Dalton.

Global studies will also be unavailable as a major for students entering LSC in the fall of 2011, but instead they will have the option to enroll as a social science major with a concentration in global studies.

"Nobody has to worry," said Bennion, since anyone enrolled in a closing major or concentration will be able to continue with that major until the graduate, with all the required courses available to them.

"We're in interesting

times as a public higher education system," said Dalton. "We aren't in the times where state appropriation continues to get larger and larger. We have to look at our offerings and ask 'what do we absolutely have to have, and what can we live without?'"

Dalton recalls the last time a program was closed was three years ago, when an associate's program in GIS was discontinued.

"It's always easier to add than to close," she said. LSC has been adding one or two programs, bachelor degrees or associate degrees, every year for the past five years according to Dalton.

For every credit that Lyndon professors don't have to teach, the college saves around \$1,300. In some cases, that number is higher or lower.

"That's real money," Dalton said.

NewsLINC wins national award

Erin Milne
Critic Staff

LSC's Electronic Journalism Arts Department has won a major national award for its NewsLINC website.

NewsLINC placed third in the 2011 Broadcast Education Association's Student Interactive Multimedia competition, said Associate EJA Professor Meghan Meachem. The Cronkite School at Arizona State University placed first, and Elon University finished second. NewsLINC came in second in this competition last year.

Meachem stressed the difference between LSC and the other schools it competed against. LSC's team was the only team of undergraduate students in the competition, Meachem said. She added that the other teams entered projects that they had worked for most of a term on, whereas the News LINC team works on deadline and updates the site twice daily. NewsLINC was the only news website in the competition.

Senior EJA major Tim Cappalli also said he is excited about the award, particularly because the LSC team competed solely against teams of graduate students. He added that he hopes the Broadcast Education Association adds a news-only category to its competition, and



Left to right: Meghan Meachem, Sam Gaddes, Nadine Grimley, Tim Cappalli and Darlene Ballou. Photo by NewsLINC

he said he believes LSC would do well in such a category.

"We're very proud of our students," said Darlene Ballou, director of broadcast operations and an adjunct faculty member in the EJA Department.

Ballou said that EJA students work on NewsLINC as part of a two-semester practicum. In the first semester students work mainly on providing content for the site. Students move into producing and editing roles the next semester and also work on the site's layout.

Ballou also said that NewsLINC is an important resource for community journalism in the southern part of the Northeast Kingdom. NewsLINC is one of three community news sources offered by LSC.

The others are News7, a television newscast, and NewsINK, a magazine. Ballou added that, outside of LSC, the only news source in this part of the NEK is the Caledonian-Record.

Though NewsLINC has a local focus, it can be accessed worldwide through the Internet. The site gets 60 to 100 hits daily from around the country and world, Ballou said.

NewsLINC was created in February 2009 with help of a grant from AT&T. Meachem said that grant was instrumental in NewsLINC's creation.

"Without (AT&T), NewsLINC would not be," Meachem said.

The awards session for the Student Interactive Multimedia competition will be held Sunday, April 10, in Las Vegas.

College costs: China vs. USA

Jason Zheng
News Correspondent

Students in the United States pay far more for their living arrangements and meal plans than those in China, and some U.S. students would like to see changes.

The expenses on campuses in China are much less than those in the U.S. Lyndon State College is planning to expand its number of students, especially those who are international and out-of-state. However, the fact that student expenses are lower in other countries could prove to be a challenge in getting students to come to LSC.

"I chose the Gold Meal plan, which is required on campus, so I pay \$1,642 every semester, that is more than \$15 a day excluding breaks. I would always say I pay too much and the food quality could be much better," said Adam Whittier, a freshman illustration major. "If they improve their cooking, I would like to pay money in the dining hall."

According to the LSC website, students can have several meal plan options, but the cheapest meal plan would be \$1,520 a semester, just \$122 less than the Gold Meal plan. Compared with other colleges or universities board expenses at LSC are relatively low, but many students are still not satisfied with it.

"I usually spend 20 to 25 Yuan (about \$3.10 to \$3.80) for my meal every day (about \$360 to \$460 a semester)," said Yingqiao Jin, a junior broadcast announcing in English major at the Communication University of China. "If I order takeouts, it will cost me about 30 Yuan a day and I like it because I can choose whatever I want."

In China, students living on campus are not required to have meal plans. Instead, they can manage how much they would like to spend on a meal in the dining hall or go off campus for food. Food in the on-campus dining hall is much cheaper than off campus, because of government subsidies.

The cost for a double room in Wheelock at LSC is \$2,418 every semester, and \$3,370 for a single room in Rita Bole, while in China, most universities charge a student 1200 Yuan a year, which is 600 Yuan (less than \$100) a semester. Residence halls are also open for students for free in both summer and winter vacation in China.

Chinese students pay 20 to 30 times more money here in the U.S. than they do in China.

For more information about on-campus expenses, students can refer to the Cost, Tuition and Discounts link on LSC's homepage.

Cabin fever blues: no more Rugby makes pizza

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Do you have Cabin Fever? I know I do! I cannot wait for spring. There are some helpful ways to make you feel better and relieve that cabin fever a little. Exercising, spa days, but believe it or not what you consume will help life your moods significantly.

What do you do to relieve your cabin fever? I asked a few students what they did and got some interesting responses.

"I usually watch a movie or play board games with friends," said music business major Nora Barney.

Michael Michaud, a senior atmospheric science major goes to Pizza Hut.

"I really don't get cabin fever. I love to go outside in the snow," Jordan Sherman, a senior atmospheric science major said,

Whether you have cabin fever or you enjoy this time of the year choosing good foods to eat can improve your moods significantly. Remember the saying, 'You are what you eat'? That is very true as

the foods we eat enhance our moods or add to our depression, stress, etc.

This time of the year can be quite difficult as winter seems like it will never end, we keep getting more and more snow, and the stresses of school build up as it's right around mid-term time.

Is school dragging you down? Why not try some walnuts to help relieve that stress? Just a few walnuts each day will help cope with stress. Try adding some crushed nuts to a cup of yogurt as a healthy snack.

It is not a myth that chocolate can reduce stress. However, it does have to be dark chocolate to do the trick. Just 1 ounce a day will help with stress and will reduce the risk overloading on sugar.

Perhaps you're feeling blue from this time of the year with all this cold weather. Make yourself a frozen smoothie with lots of strawberries. Strawberries are bursting with foliate which helps your body produce more blues-fighting hormone serotonin. If you suffer with depression or even something

as hardly extreme to having a bad case of cabin fever, toast is the way to go. The smell of toast makes people feel happier right away.

When all else fails drink a lot of water. Water can help when you're dehydrated. It also helps give you a little energy, making you less cranky. Water does more than you realize. For those of you that are not big water drinkers squirt, a teaspoon or two of lime or lemon juice into your water or add a few fresh mint leaves and then your water now just changed from a mood-lifter beverage to a fun-mood lifter beverage.

Honestly, spring is on its way, it now is lighter longer in the day before the sun sets.

Daylight savings time is just around the corner which will help even more in making our days longer. Winter is more than half over and will be leaving us shortly for about another year.

Until then try some of these foods and see if they help boost your spirits or relieve your stress from your college studies.

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

The rugby club's most recent fundraiser was a pizza event at the Hornet's Nest that left students' stomachs full all around campus.

The men and women's teams diligently worked together to create \$5 pizzas, \$1 slices and serve \$1 sodas for the Lyndon State College community.

The event was sponsored by Aramark, which donated all the ingredients for the cheesy creations, the soda and the use of the kitchen. Additionally, Aramark allowed the rugby team to keep 100 percent of the profits from each pizza and drink it sold.

"The fundraiser went well. The whole team pulled together. There were some times that were confusing at first, but we managed to work it out and we got a great response from students. We are very grateful for Aramark helping us out," said co-captain and junior exercise science major Jill Rancourt.

Over 140 pizzas were made by the hands of the Rugby crew, and out of these at least 60 were delivered to residents all over campus.

"Deliveries went really

well, the men's team delivered," said Sara Swahn, a junior exercise science major and co-captain.

The fundraiser was March 2 and 3 and started at 6:30 p.m. It went so well that by 8 p.m. on Wednesday the club ran out of pizza ingredients at the Hornet's Nest and had to get more from the Stevens Dining Hall to continue production. On Thursday the club ran out of ingredients and had to end their fundraiser by 7:30 p.m.

Despite running short on Thursday night and having to end the fundraiser early, they were able to profit over \$600 that will go mainly towards transportation costs and the upcoming Snow Bowl event on March 19, starting at 10 a.m.

Swahn also wanted to extend this thank you by saying, "Thank you Adam Vigue the Food Service Director for Aramark here on campus for allowing us to do this. I want to thank Jeff Rusack and Scott Maistros; they had the 91.5 radio show that night and advertised for us."

All-in-all this was a successful and profitable night for the Rugby club that the community enjoyed down to the last bite.

Campus Activities

Saturday

Guatemala Benefit Concert in ASAC 100 at 7 p.m.

Sunday

The Fighter, CAB Movie in ASAC 100 @ 3 p.m.

Monday

WWLR March Music Monday in ASAC 100 at 8 p.m.
Climbing Wall, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2:30-3:30 p.m. and every day from 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday

Celebration of the Celtic Culture in ASAC 100 at 3 p.m.

Thursday

Cross Cultural Conversations in HAC 121 at 8 a.m. and HAC 125 at 11 a.m.
Annual St. Patrick's Day concert at noon in AIT
Mayan Math in Vail 403 at 1:30-2:50 p.m.

You could just go with it

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

After having his heart broken on his wedding day 20 years before, Danny Macabee, (Adam Sandler), continues to put his past (and his women) behind him. Now a successful plastic surgeon, Danny has mastered the art of picking up girls.

Pretending to be an unhappy husband, Danny uses his old, unofficial wedding ring to lure in women. While making an appearance at a party, Danny meets a beautiful young woman named Palmer, (Brooklyn Decker) in a shameless and scheming way. Karma catches up with Danny as Palmer finds his ring, and assumes he is a married man. In an attempt to keep his chances with Palmer alive, Danny lies to keep his chances alive.

The lies keep piling up

and Danny ends up having to drag in his office manager, Katherine Murphy, (Jennifer Aniston), to help support his overly fabricated story. In an attempt to close this box of lies once and for all, Danny offers to take Palmer, Katherine, and her two kids (which he says are his) to Hawaii. This would backfire as the lies continue to pile up. However, Danny finds himself getting awfully close to his office manager (and pretend ex-wife) as their "family" vacation moves along, leaving him to question who he really has feelings for.

This Adam Sandler flick comes with loads of laughs as expected. If you are looking for Sandler's typical sexual and toilet humor, you got it!

This movie features a number of hilarious appearances from Nick Swardson (who plays Danny's cousin), and the combo of Nicole

Kidman and Dave Matthews (Dave Matthews Band) as a snobby set of self-centered guests at the resort where the film takes place. The combination of the hilarious actors and the inter-film related jokes keep the laughs rolling from start to finish.

As a big Adam Sandler fan, I would not put this film among my favorites, but it is certainly a source for entertainment. Sandler and Aniston played off of each other very well throughout the flick, and the addition of Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Brooklyn Decker didn't hurt either.

On a scale of Sandler's movies based on 5 stars (with Happy Gilmore being a 5 of course), I would give this movie a 3.5.

This is not Sandler's best performance, but it's certainly not his worst.

Eating with Em

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Banana Chocolate Chip Bars

Ingredients:

4 ripe bananas
1 ½ cups sugar
4 eggs
½ cup vegetable oil
2 cups sour cream
3 cups whole wheat flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 cup chocolate chips

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350. Mix together sugar, eggs and oil. Add bananas and blend until well-mixed and mashed. Add sour cream, stir and then add flour and baking soda. Fold in

chocolate chips in the end.

Pour into a well-greased 13X9 pan and bake for about 30 minutes or until it comes out clean in the center and is golden brown.

Nutritional Aspect

This snack has been altered to make it healthier. It has less oil than normal and whole wheat flour instead of all-purpose which is better for you and more filling. Bananas are known as a dessert fruit but they are still good for you as they are very low in saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium. Bananas also are great to consume as they provide a source of energy and help make us feel happier.

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Season starts at Becker on Sunday

Ed Horan
News Correspondent

In seasons past, Lyndon State students didn't consider the Lacrosse team a real force, but this year might be different.

"The team is the best it has ever been, a lot of new and returning talent makes us a force to be reckoned with in the NAC (North Atlantic Conference)" said senior midfielder captain Chris Mansour.

In fact, Mansour might be on to something. The Hornets are returning eight starters in-

cluding last year's two All-NAC second teamers Caleb Noble and Max Ercole while the team will be featuring two outstanding freshman, Goalkeeper Matt Reynolds and attackman Dan Randall.

Fourth-year coach Tim Tierney seems to have a nest full of talent to work with in 2011.

The squad finished their 2010 schedule with a final record of 3-10 in a season that featured the team's first ever playoff appearance, ending in a NAC first round lost to Mount Ida.

This year the Hornets expect to be even more competi-

tive and build off the limited success they saw in 2010.

"There are a lot of new faces with a lot of heart combined with returners with experience and knowledge needed to lead this team to a second consecutive NAC tournament appearance," said junior defenseman Ryan Brown. "Having a strong defense and new talent on offense will increase our chances to advance to the semifinals and even finals of the NAC (tournament). With one week left we have a lot to learn, but playing Becker in our opener on Sunday the

13th will give us a good idea of where we compare to the tougher teams in our conference."

Key match-ups to keep an eye on this season will be against Becker College on Sunday, at Thomas College on April 9, and the final two games versus heated rival Johnson State and preseason NAC championship favorite, Castleton State, on April 20 and 23, respectively.

"Be sure to follow the 2011 team throughout the year in hopes of our first .500 season ever," Brown concluded.

2011 Lacrosse Schedule

March 13 @ Becker

March 20 @ St. Joseph's

March 26 @ Mitchell

April 2 vs.

Green Mountain*

April 7 vs. Norwich

April 9 @ Thomas*

April 10 @

Me. Farmington*

April 16 vs. Husson*

April 17 vs.

Maine Maritime*

April 20 @ Johnson*

April 23 @ Castleton*

*denotes NAC game

Home games in bold

Weekend Intramurals

Residence halls compete

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

Interested in some friendly competition on Saturday afternoon? If so, the following opportunity may be right up your alley.

Every weekend (usually on Saturday around 4 p.m.), a predetermined sporting event is held in which students can compete against other campus residence halls and commuters. These athletic events allow students to compete for their respective halls to earn bragging rights and the chance at the residence hall intramural championship plaque, to be awarded at the end of the year.

These competitions vary from week to week. Some of the events include volleyball, dodge ball, kickball, floor hockey, and wallyball (volleyball in the racquetball court). These games are a great way for students to meet people on campus and enjoy the weekend with some competitive athletics.

Beginning last year, the weekly intramural competitions were formed for a number of reasons.

"It is a good way to get students involved in intramurals on campus," said Erin Rossetti, Director of Residential life. Rossetti is also a Residence Hall Director (RHD)

for the Rita Bole Complex, and knows the campus activities well. "This is an easy way for students to bond with others on campus." Rossetti added.

Since last year, these weekly competitions have grown more and more popular. Every student who is new to the competition receives a free tee shirt to represent his or her place of residence. This competition is open to all Lyndon students, including commuters. Students are encouraged to come and compete, or even watch friends compete in these weekend events.

"It's a good way to forget about school work and release some tension," said sophomore Torry Gaucher. Torry is one of the Resident Assistants (RA) involved in setting up and organizing these events. "We usually get a good turnout, but we are always looking for more people. The more people the better!"

For more detailed information on these events, students can talk to their RA. Signs are posted throughout campus to help inform students of the events for the upcoming weekend. Students may also visit the LSC Weekend Intramural facebook page for details and statistics from previous weeks.

What we've learned

NFL labor talks are just hearsay

Phil Alexander
Kevin Lessard
Critic Staff

Negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement in the National Football League have gone on for almost three years.

This story all started when the NFL owners opted out of the previous CBA on May 20, 2008. Though the agreement was originally slated to run through 2012, owners unanimously decided that it was not in their best interest to let the deal play out. Of course, this option was an early termination option, meaning that it would not be executed for a few more years.

The 2010 NFL season was mostly affected by the early termination. Unlike other NFL seasons, the 2010

season was played without a salary cap. Lack of a salary cap not only changed the economics of the league, but served as a distraction to those who knew that a lockout was looming at the end of the season.

Now the NFL is currently without a CBA in place. The NFL Players' Association and NFL owners are debating over how to split the approximate nine billion dollars in revenue created by the league. Other lesser points of debate include a cap on rookie wages, health benefits for players, and an eighteen game regular season schedule.

Reports from various media outlets indicated that neither side would be able to come to an agreement by the March 4 deadline of 11:59 p.m. However, to the

surprise of these outlets and many outsiders, an agreement on an extension was reached. The extension was for a week, and is set to expire today at 5:00 p.m.

Once again, the overall outlook on the situation is bleak. Sports Illustrated's Peter King said that the NFL owners and NFLPA have a "31.65 percent chance" of reaching an agreement on a new CBA.

The media have largely been incorrect when trying to predict what is going to happen with the CBA negotiations. Those calling for a lockout last Friday were incorrect, as both sides proved that progress was actually being made.

When it comes to what will happen with the NFL CBA, our guess is as good as yours.

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Students rally in response to possible personnel cuts



Close to 150 students sit in the ATT lobby as part of a sit-in protest Tuesday. In this photo Dean Whittaker, President Moore, and Dean Hamilton address the crowd. Photo by Eric Wayne

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

The raging debate about potential faculty and staff cuts at Lyndon State College has gone strong for the last week, leading to two Student Government Association meetings, a sit-in protest, and plans for a trip to Montpelier to confront legislators.

Other business, typically a routine event at the end of SGA meetings, was anything but usual Wednesday when several students presented a resolution to have a vote of no confidence in President Carol Moore.

"We do not feel that President Moore is capable of handling this crisis going further in a way that is

acceptable to those that it impacts the most, which is each and every one of you, the student body, both present and future," said Dan Haycock, one of the main organizers of Tuesday's sit-in protest. "These are the words and thoughts of your student body."

Haycock gathered more than 150 signatures from

students on the resolution earlier in the day Wednesday.

Members of the SGA had a variety of opinions regarding Moore's style of leading the college.

"This resolution is nothing short of ridiculous," said Andrew Chapin, the Student Investment Group representative, adding that a lack of funding from the state and the Vermont State College systems are to blame. "President Moore has been doing her job well."

"I have full confidence in President Carol Moore. She's been extraordinary. You're not going to see her level of dedication on any other college campus. You talk about faculty interactions and what they've done for your college experience. Without Carol Moore, my experience would not be the same as it is," SGA President John Kleinhans said to applause.

"I can say for me, Paul Searles, David Plazek, Janet Bennion changed mine. You guys just made the point that you can go and talk to Carol Moore; I can go talk to

David Plazek, I can go talk to Paul Searles, you know what I can't do? I can't go talk to them when they're gone," said Justin Pepe, the representative for WWLR.

"You can't go talk to Carol if she's gone either," said Sean Siciliano, campus activities board representative.

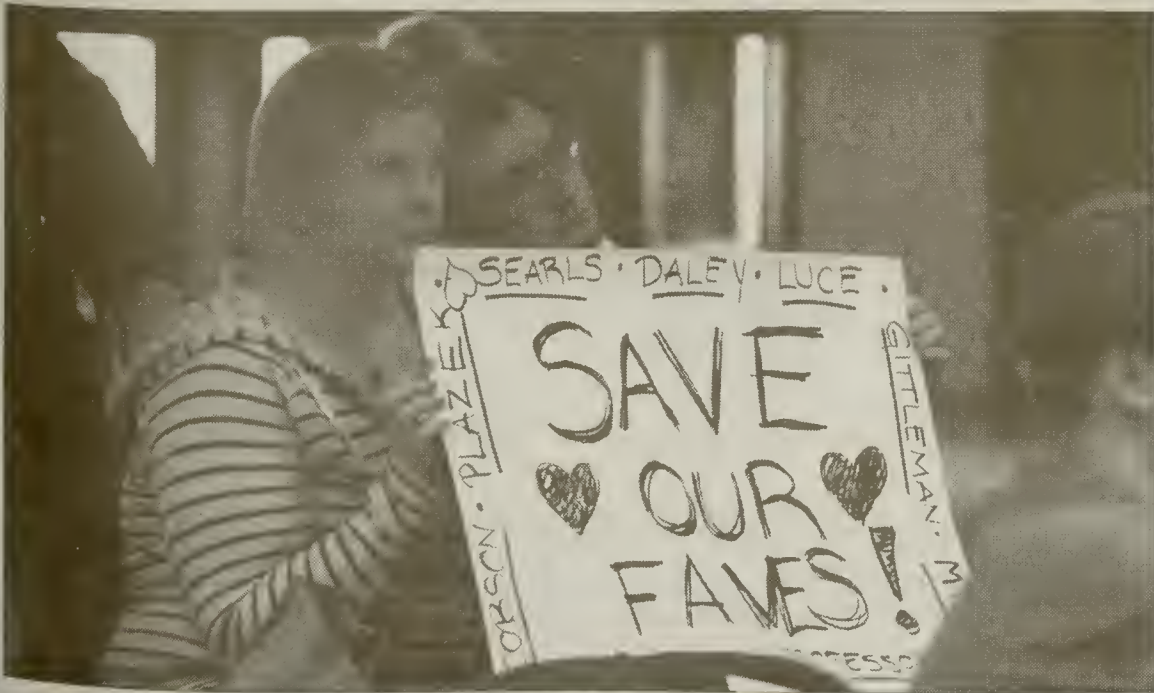
"And I'm okay with that, because she's the one screwing up everything," Pepe responded.

"Lyndon State is not alone in its deficit problem, but it is very much alone in how bad the deficit is," third-year representative Adam Norton said, motioning to accept the resolution.

Adam Brabant, another sit-in organizer, approved of the proposed resolution.

"Honestly, Carol Moore has said no matter what we do, this decision has pretty much been made, and there's nothing we can do that will change that from happening," he said. "There are alternatives, and she right now is simply refusing to hear those options."

■ See Resolution on page 2



Students Jenny Nolan and Josh Cook sit-in to save their favorite faculty.

Photo by Eric Wayne

Weekend Weather Outlook: Alex Avalos & National Weather Service

Friday:



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WINDS
SW 5-10

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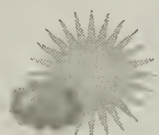
Friday night:



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SW 5-10

► Periods of rain. Cloudy.

Saturday:



HIGH
38°
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NW 6

► Mostly sunny.

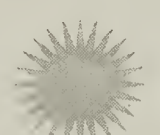
Saturday night:



LOW
18°
WINDS
NW 2

► Mostly clear overnight.

Sunday:



HIGH
37°
WINDS
NW 5

► Sunny with no predicted precipitation.

Resolution

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When some members of the crowd questioned whether Moore truly cared about the faculty and staff at risk of being let go, Kleinhans spoke up.

"That woman has a heart of gold," he said.

The discussion went on for over an hour, and in the end, the motion to move on was called first, and therefore voted on first. The vote totals, which were made public, were 31 yes, nine no, four blanks, and two abstains. Abstentions go to the majority, and blanks have no bearing on the votes, according to the constitution.

While the resolution was moved on at this meeting, it could be brought forth again if students wish to present it.

The sit-in protest began early Tuesday morning, and went on until the afternoon. Roughly 150 students gath-

ered in the Alexander Twilight Theatre lobby to rally for faculty and staff at risk of being let go.

"I think it's a fine way for students to express their thoughts," President Carol Moore said on the day of the sit-in.

On the day of the sit-in, Moore, Dean of Institutional Advancement Bob Whittaker, and Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton fielded questions at the protest to give students answers.

"We're looking to invest in the future," Hamilton said of the current budgeting issues at LSC, and what the administration is doing to correct them.

There was also another SGA meeting on Monday night to address more concerns that students had. Moore, who was away from the college, spoke by phone to the entire room. Several stu-

dents voiced concerns about the future of programs.

"We're quite confident that we will be able to maintain the quality of our programs," Moore said.

Many of the sit-in participants, as well as SGA members plan to travel to Montpelier next Wednesday to speak with legislators about the lack of funding at LSC. This event is open to the student body, is free (the group will be taking school vans), and will be leaving at 12 p.m.

This past week has been bustling with activity as students, faculty, staff, and administration all try to find solutions to the deficit problems plaguing so many colleges. As the deadline for faculty and staff to announce their retirement plan nears, more information will become available.

Cuts to affect 2012

Sam Monroe

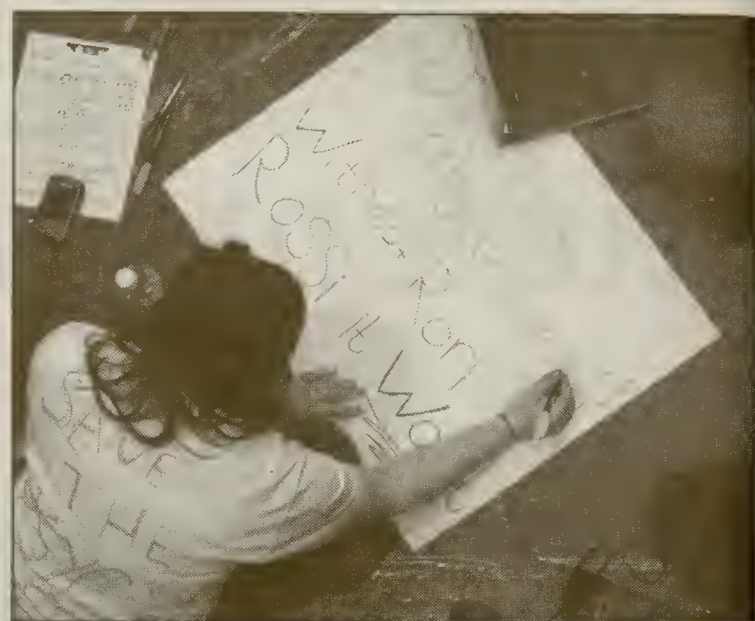
Editor-in-Chief

Even if cuts take place this year, professors will not be leaving until May 2012 if they are not reappointed.

The only professors that would not return for Fall 2011 would be ones who chose to retire. Even professors who accept the retirement package could be here for the 2011-2012 school year. President Carol Moore said that she is currently in talks with the faculty and the faculty union to put language in that would allow the professors to stay until May 2012.

Moore also made it clear that despite what student were saying at the sit-in, faculty are not alone in the cuts. Moore said that the retirement package has also been offered to members of the staff.

"Those things are out



An LSC student making a poster at the sit-in

Photo by Eric Wayne

there to faculty and staff," said Moore. "We're waiting to hear back and then we will know where we are."

As far as the professors go, untenured professors are not the only one's who could see job loss if the deficit gets too out of control.

"Tenured faculty are not immune to layoffs," said Moore. However, if that was to happen there are rules. If layoffs of tenured faculty do occur it would only happen if the college was operating at a deficit. Another rule for potential layoffs are members of a department that faces layoffs must let the employee who has been there the shortest amount of time go first.

"Senior people have the most security in the tenured group, that's what our contract says," said Moore.

"Given certain financial circumstances the tenured faculty can be laid off as well," said Moore. "The untenured people have less security to be sure, because they come up for reappointment more frequently."

Decisions not affected

Numerous students and faculty have called into question President Moore's decision making because of her current per-

sonal life.

Moore disagrees with the student who voiced this concern at the SGA meeting and the sit-in.

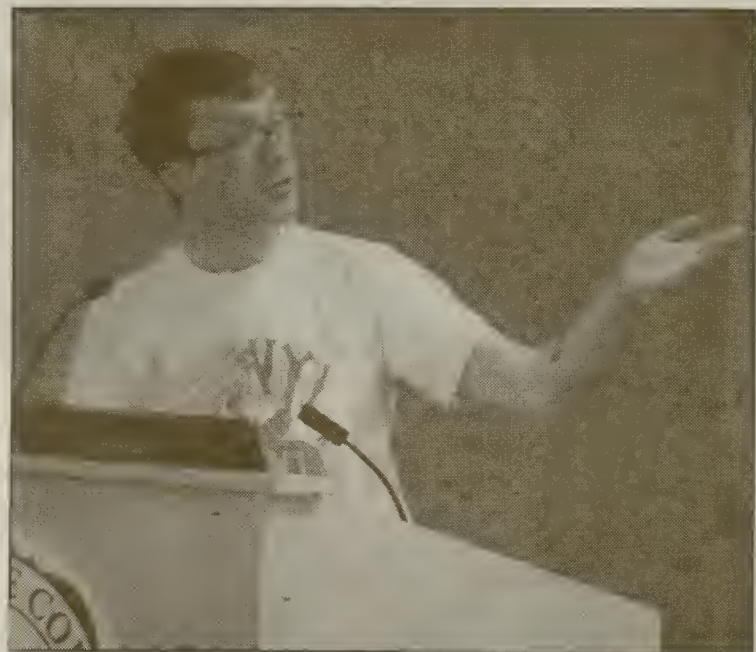
"My first reaction is that most students do not know about my personal life and they didn't know until somebody told them," said Moore. "The second thing that I would say in response to that is that I've been in higher education for 40 years. I've made a lot of difficult decisions at a lot of institutions and I have always had a personal life."

She believes that she knows her limits and would never jeopardize any institutions with her decisions.

"If I thought for one second that I could not make clear judgments based on data that I would step down," said Moore. "That is not the case."

Moore is under the belief that everyone has a personal life and that most have to separate professional life from personal life.

"My decisions are done with a clear head, with and open mind and with the data," said Moore. "Regardless of what goes on in my personal life or anybody else's, my job is to make clear decisions based on data."



Dan Haycock addresses the SGA.

Photo by Eric Wayne

Student Government Association

Condensed Minutes

March 16, 2011

Proposed Resolution for a Vote of "No Confidence" in President Carol Moore does not pass after reps vote to move on 33-9

Students Share Presentation of Guatemala Service Learning Trip

Resolution Passes to Urge Administration to Examine the Operations of the Student Services Office

LRC receives \$475 for Leadership Banquet

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Board of Elections and Constitution Committee formed

John Lehané Elected as First-Year Representative

To view full minutes, please visit www.LyndonSGA.com

Clarifications

Lyndon State College has three full time deans, two associate deans and one assistant dean. Johnson State College uses a similar structure. The Dean of Admissions is currently a vacant position.

The chart printed on page one of issue 16 of The Critic did not display the fact that professors and faculty work nine months out the year. Any pay that they may receive from over loaded schedules or summer courses was not included in the chart.

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LSC alumni return, this time as professionals

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

For assistant professor Meaghan Meachem, Lyndon State College was a logical choice, considering she was a teaching assistant before graduating several years ago.

"I'm a firm believer that you can't teach without experience," the electronic journalism arts assistant professor said.

Meachem graduated from Lyndon in 2003 with a degree in television studies, and concentrations in broadcast and production. After graduating, she worked at News 10 Now in Syracuse, N.Y. with five fellow Lyndon graduates. She received her master's degree in teaching with technology

bers as a student were one of the main reasons for choosing to work at LSC.

"I formed bonds with the faculty members," she said. "That experience made me realize it's something I'd want to be a part of."

In 2008, when Meachem was hired as a professor, the TVS department was going through changes that she wanted to be a part of.

"I thought it would be a neat way to give back," she said. "That was really exciting to build something from the ground up. To be able to start from scratch."

According to Meachem, the application process was thorough. She spent a day at LSC speaking to an advisory committee, several deans,

LSC alumna, had a different experience when she was hired to work at the college.

Wheeler is the director of conferences and guest relations at LSC. She began as a student in 1975, earning a degree in recreation and leisure studies with a concentration in ski resort management, and worked in admissions as a work-study student for her four years.

"I was involved in most everything. I've always said to prospective students in admissions that there's always stuff to do here, it's just not handed to you on a silver platter," Wheeler said.

After being involved in admissions as a student, she was offered a job as an admissions counselor her senior year. Because of this, Wheeler did not go through an official application process.

Wheeler was a counselor for a year before being promoted to assistant director of admissions, a position she held for seven years. In 1987, she took the position of director of special programs and non-continuing education as a way to avoid traveling a lot for work.

"I like the community. It's a caring community," Wheeler said of why she chose to stay at LSC for three decades. "My lifelong friendships are from Lyndon State College. It's been a great nurturing environment."

For Mark Hilton, the interim dean of admissions and associate business professor at LSC, working at the college is something to be proud of.

"I think it's an honor to be at your alma mater," he said, adding that he graduated from LSC in 1984, and attended Plymouth State University to get his master's degree in business administration.



Meaghan Meachem, class of '03, is an assistant professor in EJA.

"I had a great experience here. I grew up outside of Boston and fell in love with the college, community, everything," he said.

Hilton said he was originally involved in the aerospace industry, working at Dowty Aerospace, before deciding to return to the Northeast Kingdom. According to Hilton, that decision was based on wanting to see his children grow up in the area.

"It gave me an opportunity instead of traveling all the time," Hilton said of working at LSC. "It was an easier transition for me once I started because I knew the place and the area."

Hilton explained that his time at LSC has affected him as a person.

"Who I became is directly related to my time at Lyndon," he said.

"I think it's passion and

Photo courtesy of the EJA department. commitment to the college," said Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton of why so many alumni return to LSC. "I certainly hear that and to some extent as well, people want the quality of life that's in the Northeast Kingdom."

Dalton says the 49 alumni who work at LSC are able to relate to students.

"They bring an interesting perspective having once been a student here. They know something about how things work or didn't work for them," she said.

Meachem, Wheeler, and Hilton all have family ties to LSC as well. Meachem's sister graduated in 2007, Wheeler's daughter graduated in 2006, and Hilton has two children who currently attend as well.

To see a full list of alumni working at LSC, visit www.lyndonstatecritic.com



Donna Wheeler, class of '75 is now the director of conferences and guest relations at Lyndon State College. Photo by Madi Cox

from the Marlboro College Graduate Center in Brattleboro before returning to LSC in 2008.

For Meachem, her relationships with faculty mem-

President Carol Moore and doing a teaching presentation.

"It was pretty intense," she said. "I was exhausted by the end of it."

Donna Wheeler, another

Experts join students at AMS storm conference

Catherine Vitale
News Correspondent

TAUNTON, Mass. - Three professional meteorologists and many aspiring meteorologists attended the New England Storm Conference.

The American Meteorological Society/National Weather Association club at Lyndon State runs the annual Northeastern Storm Conference. The conference is the largest student-run conference in the country. Students, teachers, and meteorologists from around the Eastern United States

come to learn more about the latest scientific findings and network with others in the field.

Students from Lyndon, SUNY, Cornell, and Plymouth State, among others, attended this year's conference. The conference was held over the weekend of March 11 in Taunton, Mass, right down the street from a National Weather Service office.

During the conference students and professionals gave talks on topics ranging from the life of a snowflake to field experience with tornadoes.

Through these presentations students were able to showcase what they've been working on and receive input from professionals and peers.

One of three keynote speakers, Ken Carey, chair of AMS's Board for Private Sector Meteorologists and part of NWS's Professional Development Committee, spoke about networking and the importance of being connected as part of the Friday night ice-breaker.

Former winter weather expert for the Weather Channel, Paul Kocin, spoke

at the Saturday night banquet about the recent winter storms that influenced even the most unlikely parts of the country. After his speech Kocin answered questions and signed copies of his book "Northeast Snowstorms".

Matt Noyes, weeknight meteorologist at NECN, gave insight on keeping the science in broadcast meteorology. Noyes stressed that though it may seem easy to get lost in the hype of big weather events, it is the job of the meteorologist to base their forecasts on the scientific facts rather

than embellishing what's going on.

"I love this conference so much that I kept coming back," Noyes said. "Even after I graduated from Cornell."

The NWS offered tours of their facility to those who were interested. The tour included an inside look at what the employees do on a daily basis and the programs they use.

"I'm glad that I took the tour," said sophomore Alex Lee. "Because now I know which tracks in meteorology I want to study."

Shouldn't education come first?

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

This week's sit-in proves that many students will take action when things they care about are at stake. But why now? Why this issue? The college administration, in what seems to be a misguided attempt to cut costs, offered a small incentive to a few professors to retire early. Behind the purely voluntary retirement offer was a veiled threat to cut elsewhere if a measly half-year salary bonus was not sufficient to drive out the targeted teachers.

But hold on. Isn't education the mission of any college? Shouldn't cuts that reduce the quality of education be the last places to economize rather than the first? And why is it that, of all the schools in the Vermont

State College system, it is this one that faces the greatest crisis?

Low enrollment is cited as part of the problem. Does anyone think that reducing quality of instruction will attract more students? There are some highly paid administrators who have not been able to market the college effectively enough. Not that they haven't tried, but results, not effort, not experience, and not qualifications are what really matters. Why don't we hear about what is being done in this area?

Then, even as a financial crisis descends on our school, we see large sums spent on new construction and renovation. The explanation is that the money for these things comes from a different source; that new buildings are paid for through bond issues. But suppose someone

owed you money, didn't pay, and pleaded poverty, while they spent large sums on upgrading their home, what would you think? If they said that the money for renovation came from a mortgage loan, would that make you feel good about the money owed you that was not getting paid?

The problem is that we live in a 21st-century version of Alice in Wonderland. We spend money foolishly because we won't have to repay it for many years. Washington sends us stimulus money that we spend quickly because it may be taken back. Instead of paying professors for their abilities and success at teaching, we pay them for years of service. And then facing the consequences of that contract-enforced policy we try to get rid of senior faculty and replace them with

junior faculty and adjuncts who can be paid much less.

And then there's tenure. Ask why tenure is desirable and you will hear a pat explanation that it protects academic freedom; it guarantees that a professor with unpopular views cannot be summarily discharged because of those views.

A nice idea in principle, but does it really work in practice? To get tenure, junior faculty must first have a "tenure-track" position. Then, after six years, they may or may not "qualify" for tenure. In practice this means that new professors must walk on glass for six years, knowing that a misstep might derail their career. So after toeing the line for all those years and gaining tenure, does the professor dust off those unpopular ideas that have been well

hidden and finally expose them to the light of day?

Not only that, but how does the rationale for tenure apply to those who teach hard sciences, engineering, business, mathematics, music, athletics, recreation, or the arts. Are there politically unpopular views in those areas that need "academic freedom?" Where, outside of academia, are there jobs that provide this kind of cradle-to-grave job security?

Returning to the problems here at LSC. Are there answers? Unfortunately everyone involved thinks it's none of our business. The administration moves forward without fully disclosing the facts behind the situation. SGA supports the administration based on information that only they are privy to.

And who bears the brunt of it all? Who else? We do?

Lyndon community speaks out on proposed faculty cuts

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Lyndon State College students for the support they showed for faculty last Tuesday. Walking through the ATT Lobby, I saw students with the names of specific professors on shirts and signs and I heard many conversations about their professors: "He pushed me really hard to do better, even when I didn't think I could do it. His encouragement is the reason I was able to finish that

project." "She taught me so much." "The work load was huge in her class - but I learned an incredible amount." "He knew what was going on in other areas of my life - my team, my other classes - and he'd ask me about them. He cared a lot."

These students were naming names, pointing to faces, and saying: "These people are valuable to us." It was amazing. I am grateful to them for taking the time from their reg-

ular routines to acknowledge their professors.

Our students are a wide-ranging group - we have the very creative, the very practical, the studious, and the curious. They are interested in and concerned about the future, and they are aware that it is going to be their turn to make the big decisions in just a few years. They are a great resource, and I am grateful to be able to work with them.

Mary Etter
Learning Specialist

Dear Editor,

I wanted to say thank you to the many students, both representatives on the SGA and other members of the student body, who attended the emergency meeting of the Student Government Association on Monday and the SGA regular business meeting on Wednesday. I am very impressed with the students who took the initiative to attend and had the commitment to stay for the entire meeting. Yes, sometimes these meetings can take a long time, but I think it shows great leader-

ship to come and not only voice your opinion, but to stay and hear the opinions of others. It showed great dedication and those students should be proud.

Shannon Healy
Student Activities Coordinator/SGA Adviser

Dear Editor,

At the emergency SGA meeting on Monday night, I heard a lot of complaints about the faculty cuts that might happen to balance the budget for Lyndon State College. These are tough times for every college, and the last thing that students should feel is that these changes are only affecting LSC. There are colleges around the country that are suffering from the same economic crisis that affects the entire United States.

Like every other college, LSC is a business. To be a successful business, you have to think responsibly, and do what you must to stay out of the red. Students should put emotions aside and realize that this is a tough decision, but it might be the right one.

Dissent is fine; it is your right. But if people want to help make a better solution, please try to work with the administration, not against it.

Ian Sullivan
College Republicans

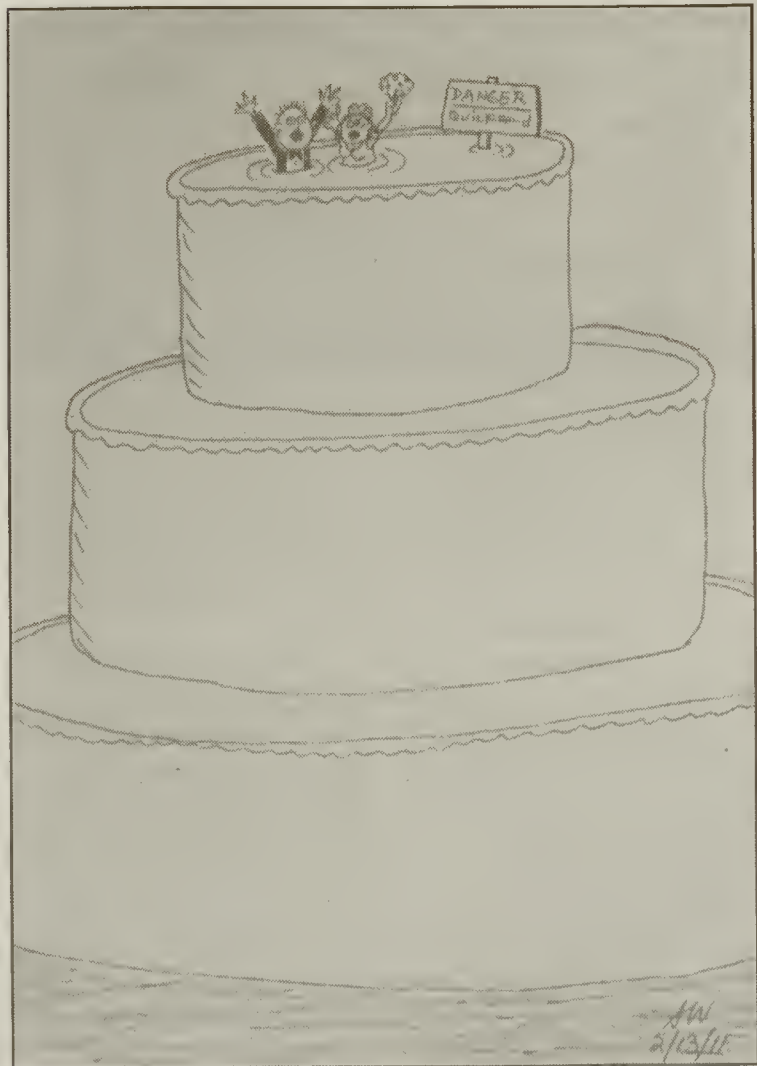
Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone for their support and hard work on Tuesday's demonstration including all those who provided pizza, cookies, coffee, and snacks throughout the day. I am, however, afraid that the student's voices fell on deaf ears.

It seems that President Moore has made up her mind and refuses to back down from her position that the only way out of this apparent crisis is by cutting faculty and staff.

Both students and faculty have come up with job saving and cost cutting alternatives, yet President Moore seems to refuse to even consider them.

Adam Brabant
Theater Operations Management Major



Comic by Adam Whitter

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First Amendment stands strong

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

NEW YORK - The Westboro Baptist Church won a landmark case for the First Amendment in the Supreme Court with an 8-1 decision in its favor.

The church achieved notoriety for protesting at funerals for soldiers killed overseas. While you may not agree with what they say, the Westboro Baptists have the right to say it as long as they obey the law.

Margie Phelps, daughter of church founder Fred Phelps, addressed a conference for aspiring journalists in New York City about the case. The Critic had four members attending the conference and sitting in the room where she spoke. She was the lawyer who defended the right of the church to continue operating as it does to the Supreme Court.

"You don't do what we do and not know what the courts say about how you're suppose to picket and how you're not suppose to picket," said Phelps to a conference room full of future journalists. "We know your law and we follow your law."

Some of the children of Fred Phelps are lawyers and make sure to comply with the local laws where they protest.

"Always picketing on public property," said Margie

Phelps. "Always a distance away. Always leaving when it was time for the funeral to start. We don't go inside and we wouldn't go inside. We don't block ingress or egress and we wouldn't. We don't disrupt what's going on and we wouldn't."

There have been people in the past holding signs declaring the end of the world, but

this group took it to the next level with protesting at the funerals of dead U.S. soldiers and holding signs that read "God hates America" and "Thank God for IEDs."

While it may be hard to side with someone who says things like: "For the first ten years we treated you to stop sinning and you didn't," said Phelps. "For the more recent

decade we've been telling you it's too late now. You've crossed the line with God, your destruction is imminent and this nation is doomed."

Why the church preaches this is not what matters. What matters is that they be allowed to continue it. The Supreme Court ruled that under our laws of free speech what they are doing and say-

ing is legal and is protected.

Should the group be doing this is another matter and one that courts have no jurisdiction.

"The First Amendment doesn't get an opinion on should," said Phelps. "It's the business of your conscience whether you should. That is not an appropriate question ever for the government."



Photo by Sam Monroe

Margie Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church celebrates after the Supreme Court ruling. This slide was shown during her talk at the annual College Media Advisers conference in New York City. The event is offered to journalists and students around the country. The Critic sent four members.

Cigarettes offer addiction and freedom for students

Peter Lipomi
News Correspondent

With the stress that comes with college academics, some students may turn to cigarettes for the feeling of relaxation and instant gratification.

Students come to college and many instantly feel freedom and independence from life at home.

"Some display independence through smoking, and they get addicted," says sophomore Ryan Jean.

Jean believes that as a freshman, the freedom that comes during fall semester

and the tougher workload of spring semester are key influences for smoking cigarettes. A cigarette break while doing homework can provide a few moments to clear the mind and relax.

Once someone has smoked a cigarette to get away from the present situation, however stressful it may be, it is easy to do again. This is where many smokers will have differences.

Some have a more open-minded approach to cigarettes.

"I was curious to see what it was all about," said

sophomore Matt VasQuenza. "I liked the way it made me feel more relaxed."

VasQuenza believes that being at college doesn't have anything to do with smoking cigarettes, but he did admit that smoking cigarettes with other people allows for a more relaxed and social gath-

ering.

Smoking cigarettes in college may have a long-term affect to those who don't quit.

"People are going to smoke, no matter if it causes cancer or cures cancer," Jean said, "But it doesn't make you a bad person."

There are many reasons

why students start to smoke cigarettes in college. Most will become addicted without really knowing or realizing it. It starts off as a way to get away from the situation temporarily. And in the end, the nicotine in cigarettes is the true cause of addiction.

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Find something to do around LSC

Joe Biega
News Correspondent

It's March and outside your window that white stuff we call snow is everywhere.

At a time of the year when spring should have sprung, you are stopped by the chilliness of snow. Sounds like you have a case of the winter blues. What you need is a fun activity to break from your normal classroom routine.

"I enjoy playing indoor sports like basketball," says Justin Paul. Paul also says going to the movies is a great idea.

There is no shortage of movies and movie theaters in Saint Johnsbury. You can go to places like the Star Theater and the Catamount Arts Center, where you could enjoy a nice night out at the motion pictures.

Jordan Sherman goes in a different direction.

"I like to play Racquet ball and love to work out," said Sherman. Sherman

also expressed that his normally busy class schedule takes up most of his time.

Working out during the snowy months is a good idea. When you are cooped up too long indoors you are more likely to suffer from seasonal depression. So go to the Lyndon State S.H.A.P.E. facility, where you can swim away those troubles or lift off those blues in Lyndon States' weight room.

"Some of the other things you can do are hanging out with your friends, or going to a CAB event," said Dave Daly. "You can also play video games with your friends."

With Littleton, N.H. right over the Vermont-New Hampshire border, you can go to Game Stop and pick yourself up a new game that you and your friends can enjoy.

There are plenty of indoor activities that can keep you busy even when the weather outside is frightful.

Get fit for Spring

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Spring break will be here soon and some of you are going to Florida and other warm locations. You may have already started hitting the gym or going tanning to get ready for your vacation. Summer is also quickly approaching and will be here before we know it! It's time to get active and say goodbye to winter.

Some people just don't have the money for a gym or enjoy going to one, there are many other ways to work out. The Fitness Center is also free to students, take advantage of this. There are some people that utilize the gym to work out.

Susannah Powell, a social sciences senior, uses the gym regularly.

"I try and stay motivated by running a lot. I find that once I start going to the gym I remember how much I love it and love the feeling after a good hard workout. Also, lifting is nice too because it keeps you toned and I like a good hard ab workout," she said.

There are many ways to get in shape and everyone

has their own way that works for them. Working out can be fun. There are many ways to burn calories, shape muscles and not even setting foot into a gym. Want to get fit, get outdoors!

Brian Lacharite, MBI major chooses this option. "Mountain biking is one of the greatest forms of exercise. Its fun, it's easy, and it works your core," he told said.

Although getting outside to get in some exercise may not be quite ideal for Vermont yet it certainly is an option. There are also fun indoor workout routines that you can do. Perhaps purchase some cheap weights, or focus on stretching and cardio.

Whatever your preference is for working out whether it's inside, outside, in a gym, at home, take the time to do something for yourself and your body. Keeping your body healthy will lift your moods and make you feel better as a person. When you first start working out regularly it may drain your energy but after a while you will find you feel better and have more energy to do things, so get out there and do something.

Eating with Em: stir fry

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Chef's Corner

If you look outside the snow is melting and spring is on its way, there are however still cold nights that after a long day of school a warm cooked meal is just the thing for you. This dish is quite cheap, relatively healthy, and fun. It's different and will jazz up your taste buds.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Shakin' up the Stir Fry

Ingredients:

1lb chicken breast
1 tomato
1 green pepper

1 onion
1 box of thin spaghetti
Salt and Pepper
1 tsp Italian Seasoning
2 tsp Chili Powder
¼ cup Chicken Broth
2TB barbeque sauce
4TB Apple sauce

Instructions:

Bring a saucepan of water to a boil to cook the pasta, once boiling cook for about 8-10 minutes or until al dente. Meanwhile, take a saucepan and lightly coat with olive oil. Cook onions and peppers until translucent. Add tomato and S&P, Italian seasonings, and chili powder. Set aside in a bowl. Cook the chicken, add the chicken broth and the barbeque sauce and apple sauce. Add to bowl. Mix pasta, veg-

etables and chicken all together and then enjoy. This dish serves about 4 people and costs about \$10 which is only \$2.50 per person.

Nutritional Aspect

This dish is fairly healthy. Onions are great for you as they have a high source of Vitamin C and are very low in sodium which these days most foods are loaded with. If you use whole grain thin spaghetti that's better for you than regular, as whole grains have a higher content in protein, fiber and other nutrients. If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu.

What's best in the 'Ville: pizza

According to the Critic Staff



Sam Monroe - Editor-in-Chief

"I would have to say the Pizza Man because of their great calzones, great pizzas, and great service!"



Ricky Paparo - Critic Staff

"Lyndonville may not be known for its pizza, but there is one place, and one place only that I will go to get some quality pie. My Italian heritage draws me to The Pizza Man."



Ryan Longe - Critic Staff

"The best place to get pizza is Pizza Man of course!"



Caleb Dudley - Layout Editor

"I would eat pizza at Hoagies because they made a fresh tomato and garlic white pizza and it was really good."



Madi Cox - Managing Editor

"Pizza Hut! It's always fun to go there for Wing Wednesday with friends!"



Nick Russo - Sports Editor

"My favorite pizza in this area has to be Pizza Man, for their Buffalo Chicken Pizza."



Emilie Lariviere - Entertainment Editor

"I personally love Pizza Man as they have a wide variety of pizza. My favorite is the 'Spinach'."

Rabbit Hole is too predictable

Tyler A. Kittleman
Critic Staff

Rabbit Hole is about Becca (Nicole Kidman) and Howie (Aaron Eckhart) who are two proud parents of a son named Danny and the owners of a dog.

They were the perfect suburban couple until a tragic event tears their lives apart. Their four-year-old son Danny was lost after following their dog into oncoming traffic, and things were never the same after that. They joined a support group to try

and seek guidance and comfort in religion, which didn't give much help to the couple. The film had a pretty predictable plot, but the performances of the actors in the film show how grief on the human body and mind has such a damaging effect.

Becca spends endless hours trying to erase any evidence of her lost son. Howie re-watches videos of his boy on his cell phone or even seeking a desperate pot-smoking session with someone who shares a similar loss.

I liked the film Rabbit

Hole, but I could guess what was going to happen next. The film was too predictable, but because the actors did such an amazing job showing the realism of the situation to the audience I give this film three out of five stars.

If you're interested in watching dramatic, realistic and heartbreaking films like this one then go check out Catamount Arts for this film and for many other films they have coming soon, and remember it's free for Lyndon State College Students.



Photo by Eric Wayne

Patricia Webster introduced the musicians and thanked the audience for coming to the Irish concert Thursday.

The real corned beef: The history of St. Patrick's Day

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

The corned beef and cabbage dishes and the green beer glasses are all washed and sitting in the dish strainer after the Saint Patrick's Day celebration that took place at your dwelling.

Now what? Another Saint Patrick's has come and gone; some of us will remember quite well, as others may remember it as one big blur. Whatever the case may be many of us don't know the truth behind this fun filled holiday.

At a young age a patron saint named, you guessed it; Patrick became well-known for his services all across Ireland. Although his exact birthdate is unknown, his history starts when he was kidnaped from his native land of the British Isles when he was sixteen by pirates and sold

into the life of slavery in Ireland.

For six years he worked as a shepherd before he finally escaped back to Britain. Now, back in his homeland he decided to become a priest. Shortly after doing so he had dreams of returning to Ireland. In these dreams he heard the voices of the people of Ireland calling out to convert them to Christianity.

He returned to Ireland and despite facing the challenges of other religious views, he covered many people of Ireland over to Christianity.

After a life of hardship with slavery and converting the people of Ireland to Christianity, Patrick died at the age of 76 on March 17 in the year 461 AD.

The first official St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by Irish immigrants in Boston, Mass. on March 17, 1737.

Over the centuries this celebration morphed into what we know today as a day to eat the Irish inspired corned beef and cabbage and perhaps indulge in some green beer.

Now you a little bit of history to add to your knowledge database.

Next St. Patrick's Day you can share this knowledge with your friends as to where this holiday's roots came from. Hope you all had a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day!

Information gathered from:
theholidayspot.com



Photo by Emilie Lariviere

Rhonda Trucott celebrates St. Patrick's Day the right way.

Luck o' the Irish music

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

About 100 people took one hour out of their day to come to the Alexander Twilight Theatre to hear some live Irish music.

Eight musicians donated their time to celebrate this holiday. There were many local people as well as faculty, staff and students.

The eight musicians were, Professor Emeritus Ralph Aldrich, Patricia Stebbins, Mark Breen, Sandra Breen, Becky Canedy, Pat Webster, their newest member, Gill Williams and their guest soloist, Caitlin Kolson, a senior music business major.

Patricia Webster, the cataloger of the library, has been

coordinating this event for the past ten years. She is retiring from Lyndon this year and it is unknown who will be planning next year's concert. This event has taken place for well over 20 years at Lyndon State College and has become quite the tradition for the school as well as the local community.

13 songs were performed during the concert and the audience loved it immensely. Steve Nichols, a local Lyndonville resident has come to this concert for at least the past ten years.

"It's such a warm and loving concert," said Nichols. "It's good, I make sure to take the time to leave work for it every year."

Caitlin Kolson sang 'The Wild Flowers' by John

Spillane. It was her first time ever publically singing Irish, Celtic music. It was also Kolson's birthday which made the opportunity that much more special.

"I love having my birthday on Saint Patrick's Day as I get to wake up to my Dad singing Irish Celtic music," explained Kolson. "I love Irish music as I feel it really comes from the heart."

The audience ranged from infants to the elderly. This type of music can be enjoyed by all ages, which is why it is so special. This concert was an experience that you would not have wanted to miss. This is truly one annual event that is important to the community as well as the school.

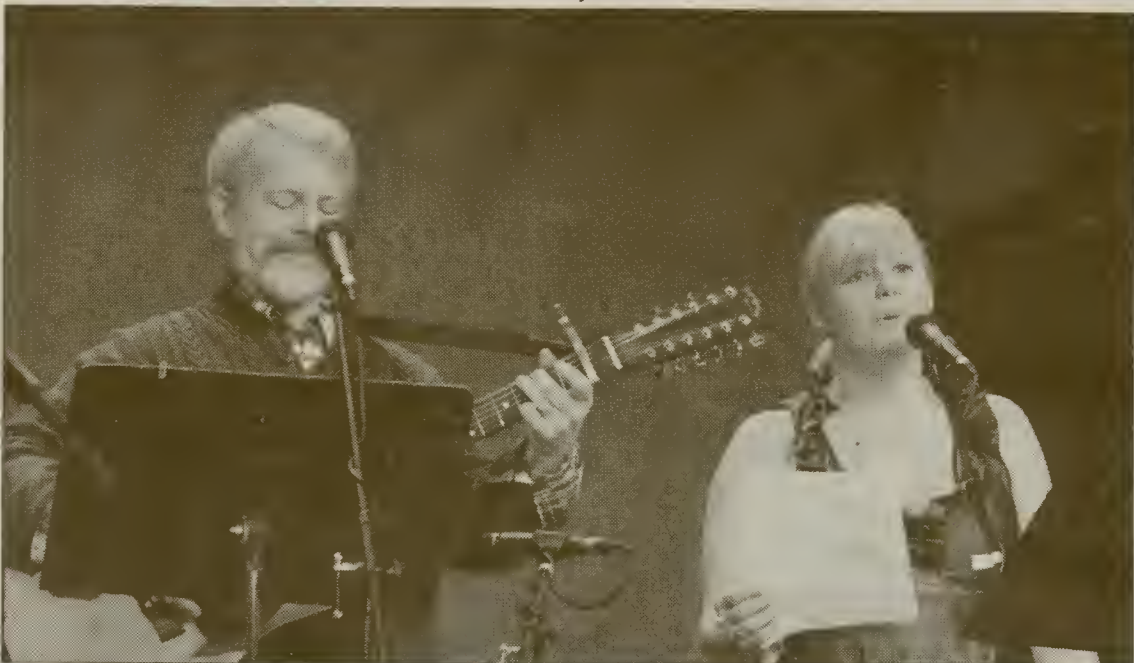


Photo by Eric Wayne

Mark Breen played the acoustic guitar and Caitlin Kolson sang during the Irish concert.

'Hall Pass' is good to go

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

Maggie (Jenna Fischer) and Grace (Christina Applegate) are fed up with their husbands' obsession with sex.

When they catch their men looking at other women constantly, and saying things most couldn't even think of, the two women decide that it's time for a change.

The two frustrated females issue a "Hall Pass", granting their horny husbands a week off of marriage, with the hope that their men will realize their single days are over.

Rick (Owen Wilson) and Fred (Jason Sudeikis) are two best friends who have a lot in common. After being granted their passes from their insanely bold wives, both guys are ready to embrace their freedom from marriage.

At first, the men don't know what to do with themselves. Contrary to their initial beliefs, the ladies aren't flocking to them as they had

hoped.

After a few days of frustration, the two guys shift into overdrive to try to make the best of their week before the time runs out.

Unfortunately for Rick and Fred, their sick thoughts have clouded their mind and disguised the fact that their wives were enjoying this week off in their own way.

The Farrelly Brothers (Dumb and Dumber) return to their old ways with loads of laughs, driven by toilet humor and tasteless jokes.

Wilson and Sudeikis play off of each other well as their journey to embrace their freedom comes with some hard lessons. The two men are forced to decide what is most important to them as their week (and their wives morals) begins to run out.

This hilarious cast is sure to have you chuckling constantly from beginning to end. It's no secret that a good comedy film is hard to find these days.

With so many movies coming out every week, it is a task to sift through the garbage and find a flick that comes with loads of laughs and some decent values. This movie has the laughs, but lacks some values for sure.

I would recommend this without a doubt, but don't get your hopes too high. The plot is definitely not perfect, but if you are looking for a pick-me-up, this movie should do the trick. It may also make you think twice before giving your significant other a Hall Pass.



Athletic trainer resigns

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

Lyndon has been without a full-time athletic trainer for almost four months, but this will soon no longer be the case.

"Dr. Sgherza is our acting athletic trainer with limited hours as he is very busy with his faculty position and his chairperson position in the [exercise science] department", said athletic director Chris Ummer about the current situation. "We're re-posting the search sometime in March, with the expectation of a better candidate pool for hiring August 1."

The athletic trainer position was vacated last semester, following the resignation of athletic trainer Peter Guilfoyle. He chose not to continue in his job at this academic institution in order to pursue his own academics.

"I did resign at the end of the fall 2010 semester," said

Guilfoyle in an e-mailed statement. "For a variety of different reasons, I decided to pursue a career change and returned to school full-time. I am pursuing a professional degree in physician assistant studies."

Ummer had hoped to find a full-time candidate last fall to fill Guilfoyle's position. However, his search turned out to be a fruitless effort.

"We did post this position and conducted a search; unfortunately we had a relatively small candidate pool, which didn't really produce a person qualified for this position," said Ummer. "So we went to plan B, and plan B was to contract somebody to at least have minimal coverage each day and for the varsity contests. Sgherza does approximately 15 hours of training each week, and conducts evaluations, referrals, treatments, consultations for varsity athletes only, and then covers home contests."



Ski and ride club member Dan Cyr displays his skills. Photo by Eric Wayne

Two semesters, two teams

For most freshmen, making the adjustment to college life can be somewhat difficult. Getting accustomed to a new lifestyle can be challenging especially for student-athletes, who constantly eat, sleep, compete and study at odd hours of the day.

Imagine having to deal with those academic and athletic challenges twice in one school year. For Lyndon freshman guard Ariel McConkey, this scenario became a reality that, in the end, paid some handsome dividends.

"I realized that I needed to work extra hard to get playing time at the college level because the players here are just as good as you are," she said. "In high school, most teams have a couple good players but in college everyone can play and you really need to earn your own spot on the team, especially as a freshman."

Since transferring to Lyndon from Central Maine Community College in January, McConkey has played an important role in the Hornets' success. The 5-foot-5 Fryeburg, Maine native played in all 17 games of the spring semester season, averaging nearly 24 minutes per game.

From the field, McConkey connected on 32 percent of her attempts (50-156) while shooting .244 (11-45) from beyond the three-point arc. In addition to hitting her free throw attempts at a .642 clip (61-95), she averaged 3.2 rebounds (54) per contest from the guard position and amassed 23 assists, 36 steals and one blocked shot.

In her short tenure with the Hornet women's basketball program, McConkey has scored a total of 172 points for



Freshman transfer basketball standout Ariel McConkey prepares to take a lay-up. Photo courtesy of LSC Athletics

a per-game average of 10.1.

"I've worked extra hard on defense since I've been here," she said. "I've never had as many steals as I'm getting now. In high school, I worked more on my offense, but now it's more important that I focus my efforts on defense."

Cracking into a veteran backcourt that included seniors Shauna Buck and Stephanie Barclay, as well as juniors Danielle LaFont and Naomi White, wasn't easy, but McConkey quickly realized hard work and consistency were the way in.

"Coach (Vinnie) Maloney put in a lot of work to get me here so I wanted to do well for him," she said. "My mother always taught me 'be confident and know how good you are.' I felt it was important to play my role, average double figures and get a few steals here and there."

"I think it's important that I score more," she said. "Sometimes I feel I don't shoot enough and other times I feel I don't shoot enough. I'm aiming to score in the high teens to 20 points and play defense like I did early in the season."

What We've Learned: psychics can't predict the NCAA tourney

Phil Alexander
Kevin Lessard
Critic Columnists

When filling out your NCAA Men's Basketball bracket this year, you might not want to over think it, because it is nearly impossible to predict the outcome of 63

college basketball games.

Since the year 2000, 41 number one seeded NCAA Basketball Tournament teams have lost before reaching the championship game. With the addition of four more teams to the tournament there are 68 teams that all have a shot at being crowned the Di-

vision I Champion.

Many people are already chalking up the Ohio State Buckeyes as their champion, but you might want to take a good hard look at some of the past NCAA tournaments before you side with the top team in the land.

Just last year, the Kansas Jayhawks were expected by many to easily get by their first few opponents. Northern Iowa, however, had other ideas concerning the fate of Kansas. In a close game throughout, Northern Iowa edged out the Jayhawks 69-67 in a second round match-up.

2006 brought an unfamiliar team to the spotlight in

college basketball. The George Mason Patriots made an unbelievable run at the title, beating the sixth-seeded Michigan State Spartans, third-seeded UNC Tar Heels, seventh-seeded Wichita State Shockers, and the top-seeded Connecticut Huskies in the Elite Eight. Although the eleventh-ranked George Mason Patriots lost in the Final Four, they made an incredible run beating four teams that were all ranked higher than themselves.

The Vermont Catamounts will be playing Cleveland State in the NIT this year, but just a few years ago, they were playing one of the best

college basketball programs in the country.

In 2005, the Catamounts upset the fourth ranked Syracuse Orange in a shocking overtime win. Syracuse is known for its excellent defense, but it's anyone's game once the tournament comes around.

Since 1985, only three tournaments have had a Final Four of all number one-seeded teams. Parity is an understatement when it comes to this tournament, as there are always teams that seem to "come out of nowhere" and surprise a lot of viewers. The madness in March is simply too hard to predict.

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Students storm capital building

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

They packed into school vans headed to the state house in Montpelier to spread a message: Lyndon State College students want to speak out about lack of state funding.

Over 50 LSC students, as well as a few from Johnson State College and Vermont Technical College traveled to the state house to speak with legislators about the growing deficits plaguing the Vermont State College system Wednesday.

Legislators attending the events included representatives Gregory Clarke, Dick Lawrence, Peter Peltz, and Howard Crawford, as well as State Senators Phillip Baruth, Bill Doyle, Kevin Mullen, Ginny Lyons, and Sara Kittell.

"It's very important that you folks, as part of your education, speak up. Ask the questions. Make us accountable," said Clarke.

"You have every right to know where we're coming from," said Lawrence, "And we want your support as well."

"I'm proud of my choice of my college, however I'm very concerned of the future of the school," LSC graphic design and digital media major Jillyan Newell said.

LSC is currently facing a deficit of roughly \$700,000 for fiscal year 2013, leading the administration to consider faculty and staff cuts.

Students at LSC held a sit-in last week to show support for those who may be let go in the future.

Students voiced concerns regarding the quality of education being effected by budget cuts, as well as job opportunities for students at college.

Rising costs for students was also a hot topic during the meetings with members of the senate and education committee.

"Money shouldn't be a problem for our education," LSC student Isaac Tanney said.

The budget problems LSC is facing are also found in other colleges.

State Auditor Tom Salmon pointed out that the state is trying to distribute money to the state colleges as well as the K-12 grades, and struggling to make funding stretch to everything.

"Money shouldn't be a problem for our education."

-Isaac Tanney
LSC student

"There is a tug-of-war between K-12 and higher ed," he said.

"We need more money, and that's all there is to it," Vermont Technical College

student council chairperson Michael Collins said, adding that higher enrollment alone will not help the financial issues plaguing colleges.

"Every year, I get a pain in my stomach because tuition goes up and I have no one to sign on anything for me," LSC student Dan Haycock said. "I fight so hard for my education, and

for funding to be the issue for me to not be able to get that education is distressing."

The legislators said the number of students coming

to speak was impressive.

"You just being here today is making a big impact," Salmon said.

"It does make a substantial difference," said Peltz.

"I think the important thing is this is just the start of a conversation that we need to have and I think we've come in numbers, we've come in force," Student Government Association President John Kleinhans said. "It's awesome to see students coming together over one common goal."

Some ideas for continuing efforts include an e-mail

campaign between students and legislators statewide.

Although he says the meeting in Montpelier was successful, Haycock is currently organizing a silent protest for next week. This is a follow-up to last Tuesday's sit-in.

"We're going to continue our efforts to make sure our faculty and staff don't lose their jobs," he said. "Our spirit hasn't burnt out at all, and we have minds of our own, and thoughts of our own, and we're going to express them until they're heard."

Haycock and his fellow protestors are currently gathering signatures for a petition for a vote of no confidence in President Carol Moore. Last week, the SGA voted to move on when the petition was presented.

Currently a Facebook group describes the event as a silent protest taking place from Monday until Friday of next week.

"These are very very serious decisions and they must be data-driven," Moore said of deciding where to make reductions. "These are not willy-nilly decisions."



Third-year SGA representative Emily Buckley and student Kara Tomlinson speak to state senator Philip Baruth during Wednesday's meeting. Over 50 LSC students attended. Photo by Madi Cox

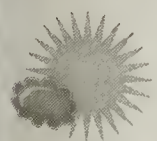


LSC students participate in last week's sit-in in the Alexander Twilight Theatre lobby. Another protest is being planned and organized for next week. A Facebook event page has been created by sit-in organizer Dan Haycock.

Photo by Eric Wayne

Weekend Weather Outlook: Alex Avalos & National Weather Service

Friday:



HIGH
28° » 35°
WINDS
NW 5-10

► Mostly sunny skies.

Friday night:



LOW
9° » 16°
WINDS
NW 5-10

► Mostly clear overnight.

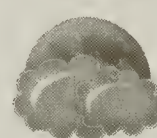
Saturday:



HIGH
26°
WINDS
NW 17

► Cloudy through the day.

Saturday night:



LOW
13°
WINDS
NW 11

► Partly cloudy overnight.

Sunday:



HIGH
26°
WINDS
NW 13

► Mostly sunny skies.



Photo by Eric Wayne

Former Lyndon State College president Peggy Williams spoke with female faculty, staff, and students this past Wednesday about the challenges facing women today. In this photo, Williams speaks with junior television studies major Michelle Wilcox.

Money not a relationship problem on campus

Jason Zheng
News Correspondent

Many students who are dating don't regard money as a big issue in their relationships at Lyndon State College.

Money problems are often one of the main causes of divorce or break-up among couples or young lovers, but this doesn't seem to apply to students in Lyndon State College.

"Love is not always based on money, and if it is, it is not a healthy relationship," said Daniel Weiner, a freshman electronic journalism arts major. "Love is not equal to the money someone has, but what they feel about each other. Money may be significant, others may say, but not make the relationship stable."

Besides money, students

who are in a relationship in LSC focus on different aspects to make the relationship successful, on which more people agree.

"Being able to share everything with each other, having the sense of closeness, and engaging in healthy activity are more important," added Weiner.

About the particularity of the geographical position, many students who are in a relationship have their opinion of the importance of money.

"I don't think money is particularly important to the relationship, for here you are not spending as much money as you would be should you to go to school in Burlington or a more populated area," said Connor Snell, a freshman global studies major.

Not only do American students think money is not a

big issue in relationships, but Chinese students think in the same way.

"I think a lot about innocence, sincerity, understanding and proper communication and expression between my boyfriend and me, and money is just a small part of our relationship," said Xueqing Chen, a junior German major in Germany while her boyfriend is studying in China.

Many students now look at money as an accessory factor that would help improve their relationships, for example, generating romance, but not a necessity.

As more people, including students on campus, are wealthier than before, they are looking for elements that can truly promote loving relationships.

Dining hall, snack bar look toward future

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

There might be more going on behind the scenes in the dining hall than you're aware of.

Director of Food Services Adam Vigue has implemented several activities for the staff in the dining hall and Hornet's Nest in hopes to reach goals and improvements the team has set for themselves.

"Improving quality and selection are our goal every semester," said Vigue.

What you may not know is that the theme meals (like the recent local food day and carnival-themed meals) were actually ideas from the staff. About each month, an incentive of a \$50 award is given to the staff member that comes up with the best theme idea. The next competition will be in April.

Another thing to be on the look out for is a dining hall cook competition. Each cook working for ARAMARK here at Lyndon will have the opportunity to enter a dish in a competition where students can vote for their favorites.

Vigue says that the dining hall and Hornet's Nest will be joining Facebook soon, where daily menu items will be listed.

"It's a much better outlet to reach students," says Vigue, adding that special raffles and give-aways will also be announced for those who "like" the Facebook page.

There have been personnel changes in the food services here as well. The new lead cook is Ryan Poulin, who now acts as the overall supervisor in the dining hall kitchen. Personnel have also been learning from experts. The chef manager at the Coast Guard Academy worked with the kitchen staff earlier this month, and there are plans for some of the LSC ARAMARK staff to go to the academy during spring break for further training.

Looking toward next semester, Vigue comments that the snack bar menu will be changing in hopes to provide better prices in the combo menu and better selection in the deli.

"Every year there are changes," says Vigue.

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Maintenance fights the snowfall and wins

Sean Siciliano

News Correspondent

Who will stop the snow? Nobody can do that, but the maintenance department makes sure to get rid of it after storms hit campus.

When snow falls in the Northeast Kingdom, some people stay inside, some run to Burke, but some are still going to the college to work. On March 7 the maintenance department was called in at four in the morning, to address the massive amount of snow.

When a storm hits, every member of maintenance has a job. When this massive storm hit there were three members of the staff that called in because they were snowed in, two were late and one person is off on Mondays.

Art Peake, a 39-year veteran of the college, is the man that knows all about snow. He is one of the three plow drivers that the college has. Dur-

ing the storm the drivers worked for 23.5 hours trying to keep up with the storm and keep the roads clear for the college drivers.

"At 6 a.m. you could traverse around here but the roads were worse once you got off campus," said Thomas Archer, director of Physical Plant.

Shoveling around the academic buildings and around the residence halls is just another thing that the custodial staff does. Last year there was a work-study position to help with snow removal with shoveling, but this year that money is being spent for summer work-study so that they can assist with mowing, painting and other work.

SUMMER PROJECTS

With the way that the college runs, there are many different projects that get done every year during the summer months when there are no students on campus.

One of the big projects



Snow removal outside the Library Academic Center

Photo by Eric Wayne

that is getting done this summer is the Stonehenge parking lot. Now where are we getting the money? Its borrowed money.

"In this case the Vermont State Colleges sold bonds,"

said Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administration.

Another part of that money will go to a new elevator that is being put in the activity's building next to the News 7 wing.

A variety of projects are going on this summer. Keep with The Critic throughout the rest of the semester to find out exactly what projects are going on.

New program provides extra support

Erin Milne

Critic Staff

Students in some of Lyndon State College's most challenging classes can expect to get a little extra help next fall.

LSC is debuting its new Supplemental Instruction (SI) program in the Fall 2011 semester. SI will be used in EJA-1010-L01 Intro to Media Communication, MAT-1020-L03 Intermediate Algebra, PHI-1020-L01 Critical Thinking, and possibly other courses.

The SI program allows students who have done well in a course to serve as a role model for other students, said Director of Student Academic Development Debra Bailin, who is helping to develop the SI program. For each course that has the SI designation, two previous students, called SI leaders, will attend each class session and model good learning behavior, such as asking questions, Bailin said.

SI Leaders also facilitate an hour-long study group each week.

The study groups are particularly effective at helping students, Bailin said. The groups, which may be optional or required for students to attend depending on the professor's preference, are aimed at helping students process what they learned in class, Bailin said. She added that, since the groups are led by fellow students and not by professors, students might be more comfortable talking about what they don't understand. Also, since the whole class would attend the study group, students may feel less awkward than if they sought out tutoring on their own.

Assistant EJA Professor Meaghan Meachem, who will be using SI in her Fall 2011 Intro to Media Communication course, said in an e-mail that she chose SI partly because the course has many group components, and she

hopes that the SI leaders will facilitate stronger group discussions. She added that she hopes SI helps her students gain a firmer grasp on the concepts.

Faculty members decide if they want to use SI in any of their classes, Bailin said. The program is currently targeting classes that have the highest rates of failures, withdrawals, and incompletes. Bailin added that, by targeting entire courses rather than individual students, the SI program can benefit both students who are doing well and those who may need more help.

SI was first used at LSC during the Fall 2010 semester in assistant professor of Business Administration Rodney Jacobson's Managerial Accounting class. Jacobson is using SI again this semester in the same course.

"It has been very helpful," Jacobson said.

SI began at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and is now used at many colleges and universities around the world, Bailin said. She added that the program has proven itself very effective at improving student learning.

Students who wish to be considered for an SI leadership position for a specific course must be recommended by the faculty member whom they took the course with, Bailin said. SI leaders will be paid \$9.15 per hour. They will not be enrolled in the courses they serve as leaders for, so they will not have additional credits added to their schedules.

Popcorn sets off alarms

Erica Ponte

News Correspondent

Burning popcorn isn't usually a traumatic event, but having to evacuate a suite or residence hall in the middle of the night can be.

A student happens to be making popcorn late at night in one of the residence halls and doesn't pay attention to the popping in the microwave. Next thing you know, you're being woken up by the fire alarm because negligence set the smoke detector off.

Rogers resident Michael Howard was among those woken and outside at 3 a.m. March 15.

"I was ticked off at the person who set the alarm off. I need my full eight hours of sleep and after being woken up and forced outside in the cold, it took me awhile to fall back asleep," Howard said. "I was not happy."

On a weeknight, the last thing students want is to be woken up by a fire alarm

when there wasn't a fire at all.

This time it was clearly just an accident, but what about when it's not? Here at Lyndon, and at most college campuses, there are consequences when a fire alarm is pulled intentionally.

"For pulling a fire alarm in a dorm when there is no fire, the student will be kicked off campus, pay a \$500 fine and face potential expulsion," public safety student officer Chas Legge said.

Even though many young people are tempted to pull a fire alarm just to see what happens, it is not worth it. In some fire alarms on campus, when pulled, ink 'squirts' out which would dye the hand of the person who pulled it. This is so if someone tries to pull it unrightfully they can't get away unnoticed.

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Democracy is the new Motherhood

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

A century ago, most women were expected to stay home and take care of their home, husband and kids. To properly motivate them, we exalted motherhood. When we wanted to present an idea as irrefutable we compared it to motherhood.

Well, times changed, women got the vote and their role in the workplace began to change. When women worked in earlier times, their roles were limited to service as surrogate wives and mothers. Women could care for people as nurses, support men as secretaries, or nurture children as teachers. But more and more women became doctors and executives and had their own nurses and secretaries who often were men.

Then the economy began to change. Where once men proudly accepted

the role of sole family provider, the need for more than one breadwinner per family began to grow. And then there was the growth of a new industry called childcare to take care of kids while mom was driving a bus, heading for a war zone, managing a business, or running for office. And the special role of motherhood seemed to slip down the slope of importance. Something new was needed.

And now we have it. Democracy is the new Motherhood. Like the idea of motherhood it replaced, Democracy is exalted everywhere. Almost everyone claims to believe in it. Politicians running for office all maintain that their support of democratic principles exceeds that of their opponents. And where once, motherhood could justify many acts that might otherwise incur the disapproval of society, now

democracy serves that function.

Invading another country is not generally an especially nice thing to do, especially if the invasion and subsequent occupation calls for the slaughter of innocents. But if it is done to advance the cause of democracy, it acquires a rosier tint—or at least the color of blood is seen in a rosier way.

Abraham Lincoln said it very well: "that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." Who, listening to Mr. Lincoln's speech, would have guessed that hundreds of thousands of the people he referred to had or would come to violent and bloody ends. A grammarian would have better luck understanding the line. After all, Mr. Lincoln said nothing about preventing a single individual from perishing. What he was exalting was

democratic government.

In recent weeks, the people of one Islamic nation after another have taken to the streets. We hear that these are democratic movements. Well they are, in the sense that they are movements of people. But imagine for a moment that absolutely nothing changed in their lives other than the guarantee of fair elections. Would they all go home? Do we really believe that they are risking their lives and some are dying, simply for access to the ballot box?

We often speak of what government is or should be doing for people, but the uprisings we are now seeing have more to do with what governments are doing to people. In Egypt, the military took charge. Whenever military takeovers of nations occur, the usual pattern is to promise an eventual return to democratic rule. There's that word, democracy,

again. It seem that no matter what you do, from invasion, to occupation, to military takeover, if you can somehow dress it in democratic clothing it's OK.

And now we're bombing Libya in the name of democracy. Many civilians will die, but in the end upraised purple fingers will announce a rebirth of democracy...at least until the next military leader steps up to defend Libyan democracy once more.

The chorus of a song written in 1941 says it pretty well:

*Oh, Franklin Roosevelt
told the people how he felt
We damn near believed
what he said
He said, "I hate war, and
so does Eleanor
But we won't be safe 'till
everybody's dead."*

The names change, but the music plays on.

Sell the new property?

Editor's Note: The following is a letter sent from Denise Brown to Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton. It has been repurposed and printed here as a letter to the editor with permission.

Dear Editor,

Last spring the college purchased property on McGoff Hill, during which or shortly after, if memory serves, courses were slashed to cut costs. The merits of this purchase aside, has it not occurred to anyone that at this time of crisis the property ought to be sold? An article in last year's Critic states the asking price for the property was \$365,000.

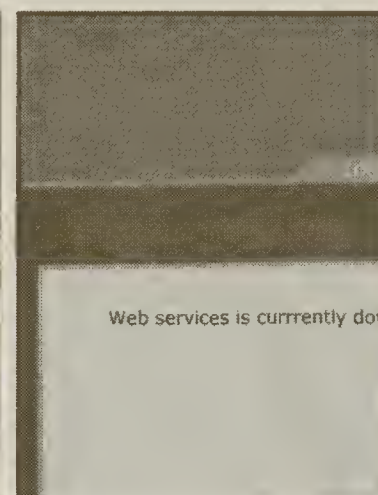
It seems to me that LSC is much like a family farm that has in a time of drought taken on too much debt. Both debt and drought must be addressed. Like a farm, like a family, the college has assets to manage and numerous

ways to cut corners. Surely a wise steward might dig a deeper irrigation pond, but also sell off some of the back forty, refinance the barn or dispose of the truck before slaughtering the livestock and sending the kids to an orphanage.

A few times in my life, others with the authority, or simply the stolen means to do so, have made decisions that have ripped the fabric and course of my future and also, that of my children. The decisions made over the next weeks will have ramifications far beyond dollars and cents. Property can be replaced. People, and the lives they have built, cannot.

Sincerely,
Denise Brown
Instructor
Department of English

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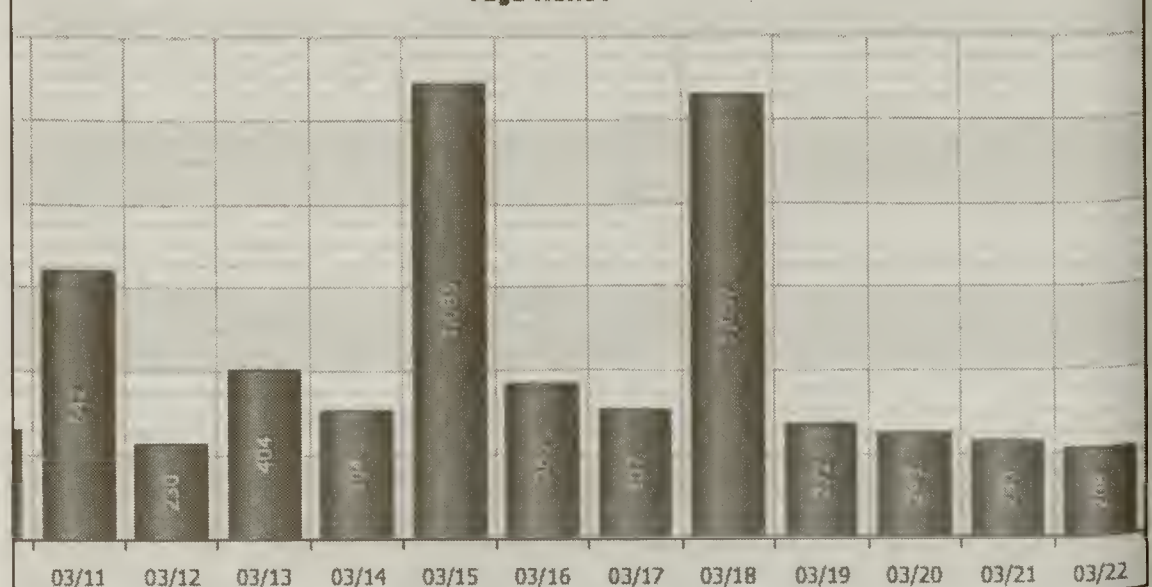
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Is off-campus living for you?

Elyssa Ellis

News Correspondent

Decisions on where to live come down to more than money.

"Living off campus just makes you feel more free and less like you are going to school. It also gives you a taste of the real world and how bills pileup and you have to live on a budget," Charlie Jobin, a sophomore at

Lyndon State College, said.

Living on campus at LSC can be expensive, at \$8,444 for room and board. Jobin pays about \$200 a month for rent and about \$85 for utilities.

At the college, students have a couple of different meal plans to choose from. The smallest meal plan offers eight meals per week with 225 points in the Hornets Nest and three guest meals, which costs \$1520 per semester.

Jobin says he pays about \$100 a month on groceries.

"Some responsibilities are like making sure I pay bills on time, cleaning the house, making sure I still go to class, which is harder to do when you're not right on campus," Jobin said.

Jobin has to pay around \$75 a month on gas, \$25 a month on cable and Internet and has spent a few hundred dollars stocking up the apart-

ment over time. Jobin has four other roommates who all pay about the same with everything a month.

Cody Gage a freshman at LSC who lives on campus said, "My responsibilities consist of washing my clothes, keeping my room clean, waking up for class, and getting homework done."

He says he spent about \$180 on things for his dorm room.

"If something breaks in the apartment we just call the landlord and he comes and fixes it, unless it was our fault and then it comes out of our security deposit," said Jobin.

At the college if something breaks and nobody confesses to it, everyone in that suite has to pay for it and if it is in the lounge the entire building has to pay for it.

LSC studies abroad



Photo courtesy Morgan Bailas

Morgan Bailas poses in front of a barge on a beach in London.

Tyler Kurtich

News Correspondent

If you have ever wanted to study abroad, you can do that here at Lyndon State College with the help of Paul Searls.

Searls took over responsibility for coordinating the study abroad program at Lyndon in the fall of 2009; before that, Lyndon only had a Quebec Exchange program, but he thought students here needed more.

Searls has affiliated Lyndon with three study abroad agencies, and through those agencies students can go study all over the world. There is also a process in place where students can apply their financial aid to studying abroad.

Searls says that there are many important things to do while studying abroad. The most important thing is to go out and meet people. Traveling is also an essential part of the experience, along with having lots of fun, and somewhere along the line, studying.

In the fall semester senior Morgan Bailas studied in London. She was overwhelmed and thought it was the scariest thing at first. By the time she came home, however, she said she had made some of the best friends of her life. She is eager to go back, and is even considering attending graduate school in London.

While in London, she saw firsthand the reactions to Prince William proposing to

Kate, she visited many museums, and generally had a blast.

Something to consider before deciding is the cost. The price of studying abroad varies greatly, depending on where a student goes and which agency sends them there.

Out-of-state students will find the cost to be similar to the cost of Lyndon, while in-state students will generally find it to be more expensive. In addition to being able to use their financial aid, there are scholarships available for studying abroad, and Searls would be happy to discuss the options with students. Searls and Bailas both say that the experience is well worth the price.

For those wanting to study abroad, the first step should be to meet with Searls and discuss when and where they might want to study. It is extremely important that students talk to their adviser as soon as possible about how to work out the rest of their studies here; some majors are easier to do study abroad with than others, but no matter what, Searls attempts to get students where they want to go.

Places students can study include most of Europe, Australia, China, Japan, South Africa, and parts of Latin America, but if the three agencies LSC works with don't offer where you want to go, Searls will look to find a different agency and make your dreams come true.

Cash-friendly shopping in Lyndon

Elyssa Ellis

News Correspondent

Students looking for a bargain have several options around the area, including the Hope Thrift Store.

Hope Thrift Store on 101 Depot St. in Lyndon is quite an attraction for some students, especially those who don't have much income coming in and don't get to work the hours they did during the summer. Hope is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Sure they're less expensive than regular clothing stores," said Allison Grego, a freshman at LSC.

Students can save money buying second-hand clothes and still be trendsetters. Thrift stores have a wide range of different styles and types of clothes.

According to some LSC students, they would have no problem shopping at a thrift store and have done it in the

past.

Hope has name brands like: Aeropostale, Levi, Hollister, and Abercrombie and Fitch. The prices vary depending on what condition the clothing is in. A pair of pants can cost two dollars, shirts three dollars, and pajamas one dollar. A pair of Hollister jeans will cost you about \$50, while at Hope you can get them for around three dollars.

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LSC rugby club hosts snowbowl 2011



The Lyndon State Rugby club hosted the 2011 snowbowl last weekend. Schools from all over Vermont and New England came to compete in men's and women's rugby games.

Photos by Kriston Hall



Snowpack puts ballgames in jeopardy

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

After a long, cold, and snowy winter, the spring sports season at Lyndon will see an unusually late start this year.

Currently, it looks like mid-April is the best-case scenario for the fields being ready for practices. This time last year, the fields were essentially ready for game-time, making this year's situation that much tougher to take.

"We do what we can do," said Athletic Director Chris Ummer about the current situation. "Unfortunately, people are remembering last year; in my 25 years here, last year was the earliest we were on fields here. People can't look at last year; freshmen are looking at last year. The seniors know better."

One option explored last weekend was maintenance trying to help the fields along

toward spring readiness.

After a few minutes of work it became clear Mother Nature is out of the college's control.

"Last weekend there was an attempt made to have the fields cleared," said Ummer. "They got on the lacrosse field and as they were beginning to clear, they were about two or three inches of water melted under the snow. They know

"If Mother Nature wants to win, we're going to lose no matter what."

~ Chris Ummer

the rule: if you're down to grass, get off the fields. You can't blow down to the turf. They can blow down to a few inches of ice and snow and then the rest melts. It's warmed up too much to get on there."

Every year brings a different set of challenges when it comes to spring sports. From snow to rain and mud to thunderstorms, any number of weather phenomena cancel or postpone spring games each year.

"It was either two or three years ago that we didn't get

on the fields until the teens of April," said Ummer. "We didn't have any home contests until I think it was April 21 or 22. I would say most often we have a winter that allows us to be on the field by the first of April with our fingers crossed."

"This is the most snow I've seen this late," he said. "We've had years where the field has been cleared by April 1, then we've had two or two and a half weeks of rain and we can't use them anyways, at least the baseball and softball fields. What I'm hitting at is we're up against Mother Nature. If Mother Nature wants to win, we're going to lose no matter what."

At this point it looks like the season will inevitably be cut short. Colleges across northern New England are dealing with the same problem as Lyndon.



Photo Courtesy LSC Athletics
The baseball team breaks a huddle during a game this season in southern New England. It could be a while before any of the Hornets touch ground at LSC for a game due to the weather.

"The more southeast you go, the better the fields are," said Ummer. "I know that Farmington is in a struggle right now, Johnson is in the same boat we are, there are places more south of us that have had weather delays. We were supposed to play softball and baseball there at MCLA on Sunday, and I talked to their AD on Monday, and she said 'we're not going to be ready to play.'"

Although the season will be cut short, which is inevitably frustrating to players

who work hard to get on the field, the season is not in jeopardy at this point. The players will eventually end up getting a chance to see action, even if it's not at LSC's Skip Pound field until late April.

"We'll lose some games this year and put them on the road," said Ummer. "But everyone will. And that's the benefit of scheduling 38 games, is you'll meet your minimums of 24 or 25 because there's so many more than you need. I mean, the guys already have in 6 games."

What We've Learned: 'Tis time for baseball!

Phil Alexander
Kevin Lessard
Critic Columnists

The 2011 baseball season is nearly upon us, and with it, so are predictions of which teams will come out on top.

There will be 30 teams competing for a World Series Championship ring. Only some teams, however, have a realistic chance at winning it all. Other teams, though not intentionally, are building for the future.

The American League East is widely believed to be the most talented division in all of baseball. Teams like the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, and Tampa Bay Rays are expected to be the front-runners. The Red Sox have added some new talent to their team trading for Adrian Gonzalez and signing Carl Crawford.

There are, however, a few sleepers in this division. The Baltimore Orioles and Toronto Blue Jays have added quality players to their team, with Baltimore adding First Baseman Derek Lee and Third Baseman Mark Reynolds while Toronto traded for Outfielder Rajai Davis and Pitcher Frank Francisco. Even with these teams adding key players, they still lack the depth in their pitching rotations to be considered a fa-

vorite.

The American League Central is one of the tightest divisions in all of baseball, where nearly all of the teams in the division will be competing for a playoff spot. While the Chicago White Sox have signed Designated Hitter Adam Dunn and expect Pitcher Jake Peavy back, the Tigers signed coveted Catcher Victor Martinez to complement First Baseman Miguel Cabrera. The Twins took a different approach and stood pat with their team; the only significant name brought in was Japanese Second Base prospect Tsuyoshi Nishioka.

The last two teams in the AL Central are not to be forgotten, as they could be contending for the lead this year. The Kansas City Royals traded for Pitcher Vin Mazzaro to add to their pitching rotation after trading away All-Star Pitcher Zack Greinke, where they acquired some MLB ready prospects. The Cleveland Indians made a few moves this off-season as well, and will look to try out young Outfielder Michael Brantley and First Baseman Matt LaPorta.

The AL West is the smallest division in all of baseball, but there is no lack of talented teams here. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim have added Outfielder Vernon

Wells and Relief Pitcher Scott Downs, and they look to be an early favorite even without First Baseman Kendry Morales for the beginning of the season. Last Season's American League Champion Texas Rangers look to continue their winning ways, but will have to do so without All-Star pitcher Cliff Lee

Along with the Angels and Rangers, the Athletics and Mariners are looking to get in the race for the playoffs this year. The Athletics made a frenzy of offseason moves, trading for Outfielder David DeJesus and Outfielder Josh Willingham, as well as signing Designated Hitter Hideki Matsui and Relief Pitcher Brian Fuentes. The Mariners took an approach similar to the Minnesota Twins, where they added a few players to their roster that are not expected to make a huge impact, such as Second Baseman Brendan Ryan.

In the National League East, the New York Mets have a new manager and new general manager that are trying to clean house. Meanwhile, the Florida Marlins did sign Catcher John Buck to a 3-year, \$18 million contract but traded away a top slugger in Dan Uggla. A team like the Washington Nationals is relying on future contributions from

number overall draft picks like Pitcher Stephen Strasburg (2009) and Outfielder Bryce Harper (2010).

The Atlanta Braves and the Philadelphia Phillies can be considered legitimate contenders within the NL East. To go along with solid pitching, Atlanta has added Dan Uggla to help anchor a solid lineup that includes the likes of Jason Heyward and Brian McCann. Many project the Philadelphia Phillies to represent the National League in the World Series because of a rotation that features a front-four of Roy Halladay, Cliff Lee, Roy Oswalt, and Cole Hamels.

Some experts (namely ESPN anchor Steve Berthiaume) think that the Houston Astros are a dark-horse candidate to compete in the NL Central. However, with a rotation full of back-end starters like Bud Norris, Brett Myers, and Nelson Figueroa, it will be hard for the team to prevent runs. The same problem exists for the Pittsburgh Pirates, as pitchers like Ross Ohlendorf and Charlie Morton offset a group of young, talented relievers and position players.

A team like the Chicago Cubs is considered to be in the middle-of-the pack as the ballclub tries to shed big salaries like that of Kosuke Fukudome and Alfonso Soriano. It is any-

body's guess as to who is the true "contender" in the NL Central between teams like the St. Louis Cardinals, Milwaukee Brewers, and the Cincinnati Reds. Though deep on top-heavy talent, a key injury to Pitcher Adam Wainwright may have moved St. Louis out of the divisional race.

Financial constraints seem to be the story of the NL West. The Los Angeles Dodgers once had one of the largest payrolls in baseball, but a divorce between CEO's has forced the club to sign Left Fielder Jay Gibbons and Outfielder Rod Barajas on as regulars. Like the Dodgers, the Arizona Diamondbacks have committed to previous backups like Third Baseman Melvin Mora and Left Fielder Xavier Nady as starters at their respective positions.

Meanwhile, other teams like the Colorado Rockies and the San Diego Padres have a decent shot of competing in the NL West. Both clubs have an array of young, talented positional players to go along with strong 2010 performances. The defending World Series champion San Francisco Giants will bring a slew of young, talented pitchers like Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, Jonathan Sanchez, making the team a favorite to once again win a divisional title.

Eating with Em

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Chef's Corner

When you're working on homework or studying for a test you almost always seem to want a snack. This recipe is quite healthy for you and has just the right amount of sweetness to give you that boost that you just might need.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Maple Oat Bread

Ingredients:

2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 cup oil
2 tsp. vanilla
¼ cup maple syrup
1 cup oats
2 cup whole wheat flour
1TB cinnamon
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
¼ tsp salt

Instructions:

Pre-heat oven to 350. Mix the sugar, oil and eggs. Add the maple syrup and vanilla and mix. Add the flour, oats, baking soda,

baking powder, cinnamon and salt and mix just until incorporated. Pour into well-greased bread pan and bake for about 45 minutes or until the middle is no longer soft (a knife works great to tell).

Nutritional Aspect

Many people debate weather whole wheat is really all that better for you. In my defense I personally think it's a lot more filling if I eat something with whole wheat rather than something made with white flour. Whole wheat is also very low in saturated fat (bad fat), cholesterol and sodium (which everyone seems to be consuming too much of). It also is a great source for fiber. Oats has a very similar nutritional value as whole wheat flour.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lyndon-state.edu.

Redbox: Case 39 Review

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

We all know that college is expensive and for most of us we don't work all that much during the school year. We are always looking for some cheap entertainment. Well here is a suggestion that will cost you \$1.06 for DVDs and \$1.59 for Blu-rays at your local Red Box rental location at Price Chopper in St. Johnsbury.

This week's movie is *Case 39*, a horror/mystery/thriller film starring Renee Zellweger, (*Chicago* and *Bridget Jones's Diary*) who plays Emily Jenkins, a very busy and motivated social worker. What she expects to be a routine case of abusive parents turns into a situation that is truly out of this world.

Upon saving the child from her parents Emily shortly learns by providing Lilith Sullivan a temporary home that this little girl is anything but innocent.

Strange happenings start occurring along with the unexpected and mysterious deaths and illusions.

The movie starts off giving the audience the background of Emily's line of work and some foreshadowing that is essential to the storyline. Within 20 minutes this movie will have you guessing what will happen next. You will even be startled by the parenting by Lilith's parents and will be wondering just what this little girl did or will do...

If you like horror, mystery and thriller films, I would suggest this film. I give it 4 out of 5 stars. It has you shrieking in the beginning and by the end you will have your blood and suspense fix for the night. So go to the St. Johnsbury Price Chopper, rent this at the Red Box, grab some microwavable popcorn, open a soda and have a nice movie night with your significant other, all under \$5.

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A Disappointing Battle

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

To the best of our knowledge, there is no solid evidence of extra terrestrial life.

There have been rumors, images, and patterns that go unexplained, but still know reliable evidence supporting the popular theory of aliens in our undersized vision of the universe. *Battle: Los Angeles* uses these assumptions to its credit.

The film begins with a group of US Military preparing for a large cluster of meteors plummeting towards Earth. The plot continues to follow the preparation of this event through the perspective of the US Marines.

As abnormalities and coincidental patterns begin to form, it becomes evident to the fictional public that this may not be what they first assumed. As the "meteors" begin decreasing speeds upon their arrival to the Earth's surface, the Marines brace themselves for what

looks to be something completely different than first expected.

Driven by the efforts of Staff Sergeant, Micheal Nantz, (Aaron Eckhart) and Second Lieutenant William Martinez, (Ramon Rodriguez), the Marines go into the depths of battle on a mission save a group of trapped civilians before the area is completely destroyed. Along the way, they team up with another group of endangered allies including Sergeant Elena Santos, (Michelle Rodriguez). These highly trained soldiers have to race the clock, and fight off an invasion of hostile aliens in order to return to safety.

This movie gave me some mixed feelings. From a military perspective, I thought the emotion portrayed by the characters was motivating to say the least. I think the film did a good job of capturing the hard working aspects of the US Marines through the values of honor, courage, and commitment.

On the other side of things, I feel like this film could have been done much better. The visual effects were great, but something about how the movie came together was a bit disappointing. I think the overall plot of the film (especially the ending) was not as engaging and dramatic as a film such as this should be.

It is safe to say that this movie has its ups and its downs. There were plenty of qualities in the acting and the special effects, but the plot just didn't grip me as much as I had hoped (especially for a movie with such an intense trailer). I expected a Sci-Fi thriller, and instead got a poorly planned war movie.

Perhaps that is my fault for being misled, but I still remain disappointed in the end. I would recommend you hold on to your 8 bucks and wait for this flick to hit HBO. Alien movies are tough to master, and I appreciate the effort, but it fell way short.

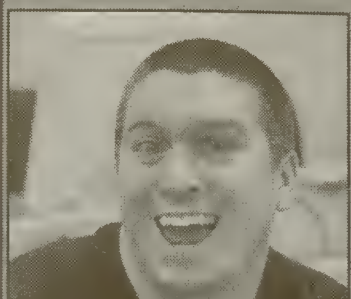
What's the best summer song?

It's that time of year. It's warm, cold, beautiful, and dismal. The weather just doesn't seem to be able to make up it's mind. Everybody is anxious to enjoy some soul-soothing, uplifting weather. When the sun does, finally, poke it's head out of the clouds, what's your favorite song to for the warm feeling? We asked our staff to give us their picks, and some may surprise you. What's your favorite summer song? Join our facebook page and join the discussion.



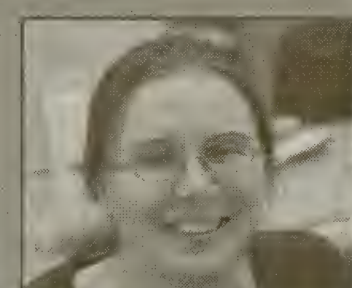
Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

"My song is *Summer Girls* by LFO. Can you get any more summer than this song?"



Ryan Longe - Critic Staff

"If I had to pick a song I would say nothing is better than flying down the road jamming out to AC/DC - *Get it Hot*. I enjoy this song because I love driving to it with the windows down, music loud and going a bit over the speed limit."



Madi Cox - Managing Editor

"My song is *The Boys of Summer* by Don Henley because it always makes me think of driving around in the summer time with the windows down."



Emilie Lariviere - Entertainment Editor

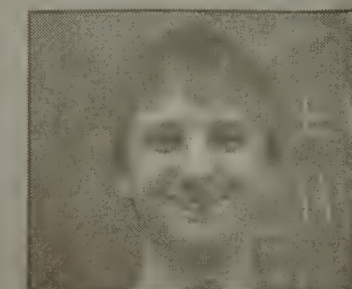
"I have a lot of 'summer' songs. These are the days your hair's blowing in the wind, music's cranked, I love *I'm good* by Blaque because it is such a happy go lucky song where you can forget about all the stresses of life.

Eric Blaisdell - News Editor
"Slow Ride" by Foghat because it's the ultimate summer song, thank you 'dazed and confused'."



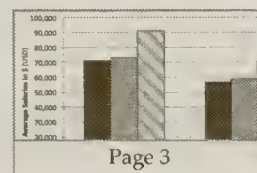
Nick Russo - Sports Editor

"*Sound of Sunshine* by Michael Franti and Spearhead has such a cool summer vibe, it's a great reminder that hot days and cool, breezy nights kicking back on the beach are right around the corner. The song references "waiting for this storm to pass", which in my mind is kinda like a metaphor for finals. And I love weather."



Eric Wayne - Photo Editor

"The one song I always listen to to get me in the summer mood is *Here Comes the Sun* by The Beatles. It always brings a smile to my face whenever I listen to it."



LSC gets reaccredited

Sam Monroe
Madi Cox
Critic Editors

Bombarded by recent talks of faculty and staff cuts and of future budget deficits, Lyndon State College received the good news that the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) reaccreditation team will not be returning to campus for ten years.

"We have essentially passed our reaccreditation visit with many flying colors," said President Carol Moore at the Student Government Association meeting Wednesday night. "As is always the case with NEASC, there are some issues we need to deal with in the future."

Lyndon will be required to put together an updated report to submit to NEASC in three years.

Overall the report put together by the NEASC team that visited Lyndon back in October was fairly positive.

"When this evaluation team visited the campus, we were impressed by how strongly the mission statement itself has been embraced by the campus community and how remarkably student-centered the campus is," the report

opens. "Lyndon has also remained true to its original mission by continuing to emphasize professional education, as 83 percent of current LSC students are matriculated into the college's professional degree programs."

"It used to be you were accredited for ten years," said Moore, but she went on to say that is no longer the case. "It's an ongoing process now."

Now a college needs to prove that it is meeting the 11 NEASC standards almost every year in order to keep accreditation, Moore said.

"We have already started working on things for the three year report," said Moore. "I have no concerns about that."

Moore also said she was "100 percent confident" at the time of the report that Lyndon would receive the ten-year accreditation; she was just unsure if it would have to file a report in two or three years.

"Much work remains to be done, despite recent progress," the report reads.

"They want us to focus on the recruitment of new students, retention of current students and graduation rates in each of our programs," Moore told the SGA.

Moore said that things the college is working on to include in the three-year



President Moore addresses SGA regarding reaccreditation.

Photo by Eric Wayne

report include a realignment of the curriculum and the implementation of the new general education requirements.

"The General Education curriculum does not yet have a systematic and effective approach to assess student learning," the report reads.

One concern NEASC does have about Lyndon is the increase of part-time faculty and reduction of full-

time.

According to the report, "The college is well aware of this concern and has engaged in a concerted effort to recruit new and replacement faculty, while reducing the number of part-time faculty."

However, administration has offered seven full-time faculty retirement incentives and said there will be faculty cuts to avoid future deficit problems.

NEASC was also impressed by the planning strategies LSC has created.

"The team who visited commended Lyndon for a decade-long history of planning and evaluation and for the development of four strategic plans, and the implementation of three. The fourth one is currently in the works," said Moore.

While there were things to improve on, many parts of Lyndon were highlighted as positive in the report.

"They commend Lyndon State College for the clarity of its mission. That is helping every student to be successful. They also

commended the college for the faculty and staff and administration on the college being consistently exemplifying, to use their words, a student-centered approach to higher education. They also commended us on the experiential learning that is built into all of the programs," Moore said during the meeting.

The report also notes that Lyndon has increased its aid that is available to students, and is continuing to find ways to help students.

The 11 NEASC standards

- Mission and Purpose
- Planning and Evaluation
- Organization and Governance
- The Academic Program
- Faculty
- Students
- Library and Other Information Resources
- Physical and Technological Resources
- Financial Resources
- Public Disclosure
- Integrity

Four confirm retirement

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

Four Lyndon State College professors have notified the College they will retire.

Two professors will accept the retirement package the administration proposed and will officially retire at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

The other two professors who have notified the college of their retirement have said it will be in the future, and the date is outside of the

date that the administration proposed to them.

President Carol Moore declined to mention the names of the professors who have picked retirement, saying that she feels it is a personal matter and it will become public when the professors are ready.

Moore also said that the decisions on faculty reappointments will be made today and a notice will be sent to the community about the progress in balancing the budget soon after.

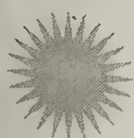
Sexual assault reported

There was an alleged sexual assault in one of Lyndon State College's residence halls recently. Associate Dean for Student Affairs Jonathan Davis sent out an email saying the Vermont State Police received a report of the assault and informed LSC. The school has also started its own investigation. Lyndon officials were unable to be reached for comment in time for publication.

Lyndonstatecritic.com will be updated as details become available.

Weekend Weather Outlook: Alex Avalos & National Weather Service

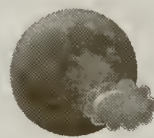
Friday:



HIGH
46° » 53°
WINDS
NW 5-10

► Sunny skies throughout the day.

Friday night:



LOW
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WINDS
NW 5-10

► Mostly clear overnight.

Saturday:



HIGH
47°
WINDS
SE 18

► Afternoon showers with wind. Chance of precipitation 30%.

Saturday night:



LOW
37°
WINDS
SE 17

► Snow overnight. Chance of precipitation 60%.

Sunday:



HIGH
50°
WINDS
SW 17

► Rain most of the day. Chance of precipitation 60%.

One SGA meeting left this semester



Photo by Eric Wayne
Billi Dunham addresses the SGA about "Relay for Life" during Wednesday's meeting in the Burke Mountain Room.

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

This week's Student Government Association meeting may have only lasted an hour, but it did include some news: Lyndon State College has been reaccredited.

President Carol Moore spoke Wednesday night to explain the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) report, after a group of accreditors visited the college last year to survey its progress.

"This is really an excellent letter," Moore said of the news from NEASC. "We have essentially passed our reaccreditation with

flying colors."

Some things the school needs to improve on, according to the letter, include recruitment, retention, and graduation rates.

In other news, SGA members debated whether students who submitted petitions for the upcoming executive board elections should have been disqualified due to grade point average requirements.

Alyssa Sylvia, currently a second-year representative, was told a week after submitting her petition for administrative vice president that her GPA was too low for her to be eligible.

"There is no GPA requirement to run for the position," she

said during the meeting, adding that in order to hold the position, her GPA would need to be 2.5 or higher. Currently, Sylvia's GPA is 2.47.

However, the decision ultimately rests with SGA adviser Shannon Healy, who is in charge of interpreting the constitution.

In other business, representatives from the St. Johnsbury youth services, encouraging clubs to get involved with the upcoming Relay for Life to raise money for the Cancer Society.

There is now one SGA meeting left in the semester, which will be held April 27 at 8 p.m. in ASAC 100.

Public safety officer returns to LSC from Afghanistan

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

Students at Lyndon State College should feel safe with public safety officer Charlie Forrest around; he's been to one of the most dangerous places in the world.

In 2005 and 2006, Forrest served in the United States Army in Iraq, in an area then claimed to be the most dangerous part of the war, and the most dangerous part of the world.

"There was a lot of fighting where we were," Forrest said. "We were attacked almost every night; sometimes, the other guys got as close as 100 meters."

Forrest joined the army 1991, and served until 1992 in Korea, patrolling the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) border.

When he came back the US, he finished active duty at Fort Knox in Kentucky for three years.

Originally from Lyndonville, Forrest returned home and continued to work for the National Guard one weekend a month and two weeks a year. When he's not participating in military activities, Forrest enjoys hunting and fishing, and most other outdoor activities.

In 2009, Forrest was deployed again, this time to Afghanistan. There he served until Dec. 10, 2010, when he returned home.

While serving in Afghanistan, Forrest's unit participated in well over 200 fire missions, for which they received a Bronze Star award.

For one particular battle, Forrest received the Army

Commendation Medal with Valor, an award that recognizes heroic efforts.

"We were the guys kicking down the doors," Forrest explained of his unit.

In Afghanistan, Forrest was a part of the Lyndonville unit, a group of about 30 people. Their job there was to guard a Bagram air force base.

Forrest will finish his service to the army next year, sometime in 2012, totaling 21 years of service.

"It's a great stepping stone, a really honorable job to have," Forrest says about being a part of the military. "It makes you appreciate what you have as an American. The military has made me a stronger person."

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MARCH 31

*Or you could buy an iron
College Road
Vehicle runs over
sweatshirt

APRIL 1

*Gotta keep 'em fresh
Wheelock Parking
Lot
Three cars plastic
wrapped

APRIL 1

*Who are you?
Library
No I.D.

APRIL 2

*Whoa there, calm it down
Bayley
Destruction of property

APRIL 3

*Foreign jails totally suck
Off Campus
Student arrested

APRIL 10

*Just take the stairs
Rita Bole Complex
Elevator alarm

APRIL 14

*Those aren't baby Aspirin
Bayley
Student taking pills

APRIL 14

*At least they weren't driving
Wheelock
Intoxicated student
dropped off

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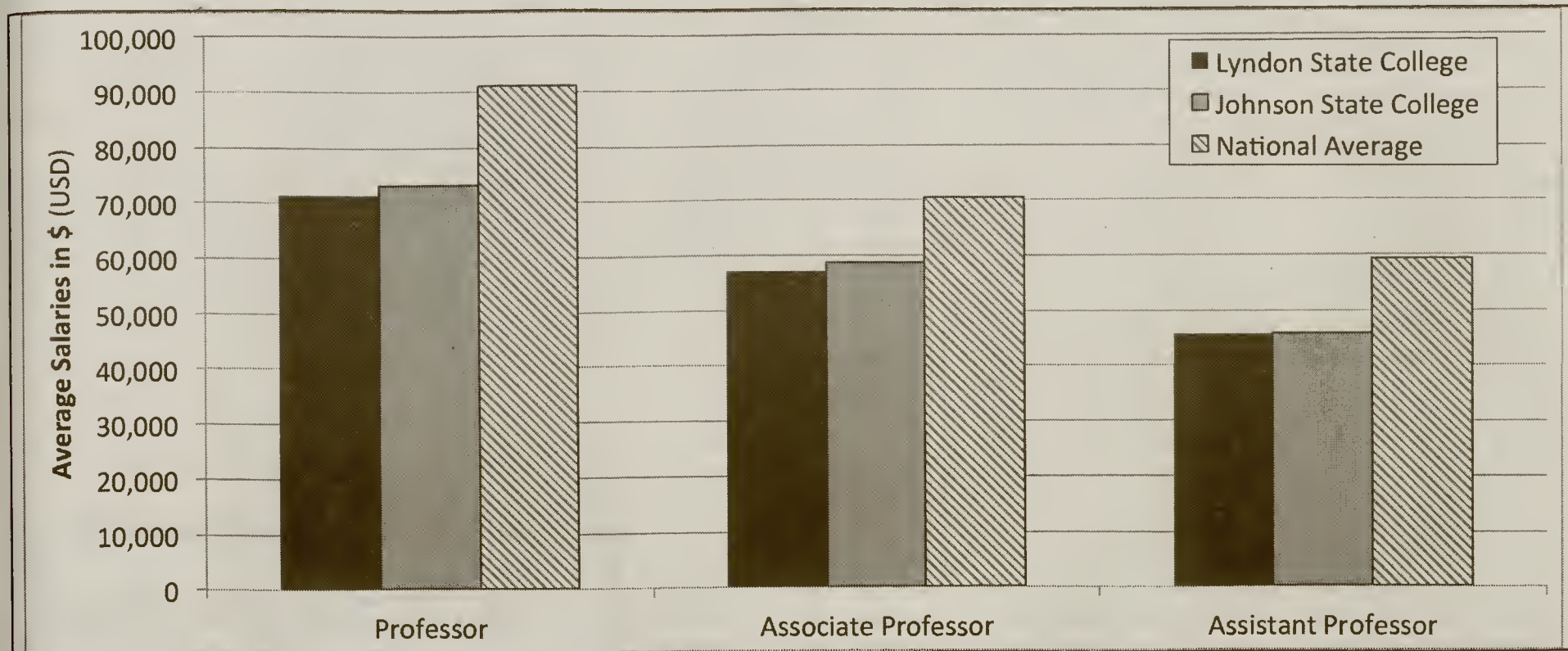
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Faculty salaries below national average



Graph by Caleb Dudley

The figures in this graph represent full-time professors, associate professors, and assistant professors only. It does not include part-time faculty. The information in this graph is from Lyndon State College, Johnson State College, and the Chronicle of Higher Education for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Madi Cox

Managing Editor

Lyndon State College professor salaries are well below the national average in many cases, so why are so many choosing to stay here, despite the tough economic times?

For Janet Bennion, a social sciences professor at LSC, having the opportunity to be hands-on with her students' education is key.

"I can be active in helping create an innovative curriculum design," she said of working in Vermont, adding that working at Utah State University with its 38,000 students did not allow for that.

Bennion, who makes roughly \$63,000 each year as a professor at LSC, said the low student-to-teacher ratio, rural environment, health-care, progressive politics, and educational opportunities for her daughters were worth making less than in Utah.

"I took a \$12,000 cut to come here from my Utah job," she said.

Currently, the average salary for social sciences professors at four-year colleges and universities na-

tionwide is \$89,133, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"It was my intention to work at a comprehensive liberal arts college," Bennion said of her move from Utah to Vermont. "I really love helping students gain a great education."

Bennion also said that she comes from a family of teachers, and watching students go from 'ignorant to enlightened' is important to her.

"I'm really hooked on that metamorphosis," she said.

Bennion is busy in the summers as well, researching and writing about her field of study. She is currently working on her fourth book, and says having time in the summer to work those types of things is an advantage.

"The career is excellent for that reason," she said. "I'm willing to take a lower salary for that."

Richard Moye, a professor in the English, philosophy, and film studies department, decided the research basis of Columbia University in New York didn't fit his style, so he came to Lyndon instead.

"That would not have been a lifetime job," he said. "I was looking to leave New York."

Moye knew coming to Vermont would mean a drastic change in pay compared to his time at Columbia.

"I knew I was going to make half of what I would elsewhere and work twice as hard," he said. "The idea that I could do something valuable was more important."

Despite Moye's \$68,000 salary falling far under the national average of \$80,545 for an English professor, he said his decision to come to LSC allowed him to teach instead of focus on research.

"I thought teaching at a place like Lyndon had more value," he said.

Both Bennion and Moye have PhDs.

At LSC, the top three highest paid professors include Catherine Deleo and John Deleo of the mountain recreation management department, earning \$83,533.50 and \$82,570.50 respectively. Ernest Broadwater, professor of education, earns \$82,089 annually. These professors have all been teaching at LSC for decades.

The lowest paid include Meaghan Meachem, an assistant professor in the electronic journalism arts department earning \$36,828 each year, Katie Bouley, an assistant professor of exercise science earning \$37,179.50, and Werner Wintels, an assistant professor of atmospheric science, earning \$38,600.14. These assistant professors have been at LSC for only a few years.

Every college varies, however, and not every salary is below average.

At Johnson, one professor, Andrea Johnson Perham of the English department

since 1983 is making \$83,885, \$3,340 more than the national average.

At the University of Vermont, professor of mathematics and statistics Dan Archdeacon earns \$122,472, more than the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton at LSC, who makes \$116,654, while the national average for the same position is \$84,942. Daisy McCoy, a professor of mathematics and computer science at LSC earns \$67,644.

For a full list of Lyndon State College salaries visit www.lyndonstatecritic.com

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Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

Facts are an important part of my job.

I respect everyone's right to express his or her opinion and that is exactly what I am doing here now.

I love the involvement of students on this campus lately. However, that being said, I don't believe those that are distributing information around the campus about the faculty cuts are doing it in a great way.

Many students are upset that they are not getting answers that they are looking for. Many people say that President Carol Moore and the rest of the administration are just going around giving the same answers every time.

Guess what? They are. You know why? Because you keep asking the exact same questions time after time. Come up with an original thought and then maybe you will get an original answer.

As you all know I do my best to stay neutral throughout the year on every topic that is brought up. I struggle with it sometimes, but for the most part I feel as though I do a good job at it. However, since this is an opinion page I will express mine on the recent 'brochure' that has been circulated on campus.

One of the flaps lists some things that are "FALSE." Why don't we talk about those for a second?

"The administration is going to listen to the students of Lyndon State College," is listed as false. Really? So the administra-

tion didn't have a presence at the sit-in? Did they not host an open forum? Do members of the administration come to SGA and answer questions? Yes they do. So in my opinion that statement is in fact true.

Also listed under false is "The students are attacking Carol Moore and not respecting her." I find this to be true as well. Under that column is a 1/2 truths, in that section the pamphlet refers to President Moore as Carol. Not Moore, or Ms. Moore, or Dr. Moore, or President Moore, just Carol. I find this to be an ultimate form of disrespect. Calling someone by his or her first name in a document like this is disrespectful. Standing up at an SGA meeting and yelling across the dining hall at the president of your college is disrespectful. Laughing out loud during an open forum and shifting around in your seat violently when a statement you disagree with is made is disrespectful. Calling her arrogant when she gives an answer you disagree with is disrespectful. Waiting until the president has left the room to bring forward a resolution saying the students of LSC have no confidence in the president is disrespectful.

So yes, some students are disrespecting President Moore.

Now to some of the "True" stuff.

"The faculty is the only contributor to the students educational development." This is listed as a truth, but as a student who is four weeks away from graduation I am willing to disagree. What about Donna Keely

and her peer leaders? What about club advisers who aren't professors? I also serve as the president of the hockey club and I can say that Jonathan Davis has taught me a lot of different things. What about other students? I can honestly say that without former Critic editor Ben Holbrook, I would not know a lot the stuff that I use on a daily basis in my field.

I want to address every point, but my editor is giving me the stop sign (Yep, I'm speaking in the third person).

I don't know who it is that started this brochure, or who it is that is hanging up the posters all over campus. For all I know it is the same coward who slid an anonymous note under my door last semester. I just ask that before you represent me and other students, you take the time to get the facts straight.

I take it as a personal offense that so many fictitious lines are getting tossed around and that students are claiming they were uninformed of things. My staff and I bust our asses to get the facts right and get you what you deserve; you pay for the service we provide so I suggest you take advantage of it.

I have another idea to save money as well! Stop printing full color posters for your protests and hanging them five feet apart. Where is this money coming from?

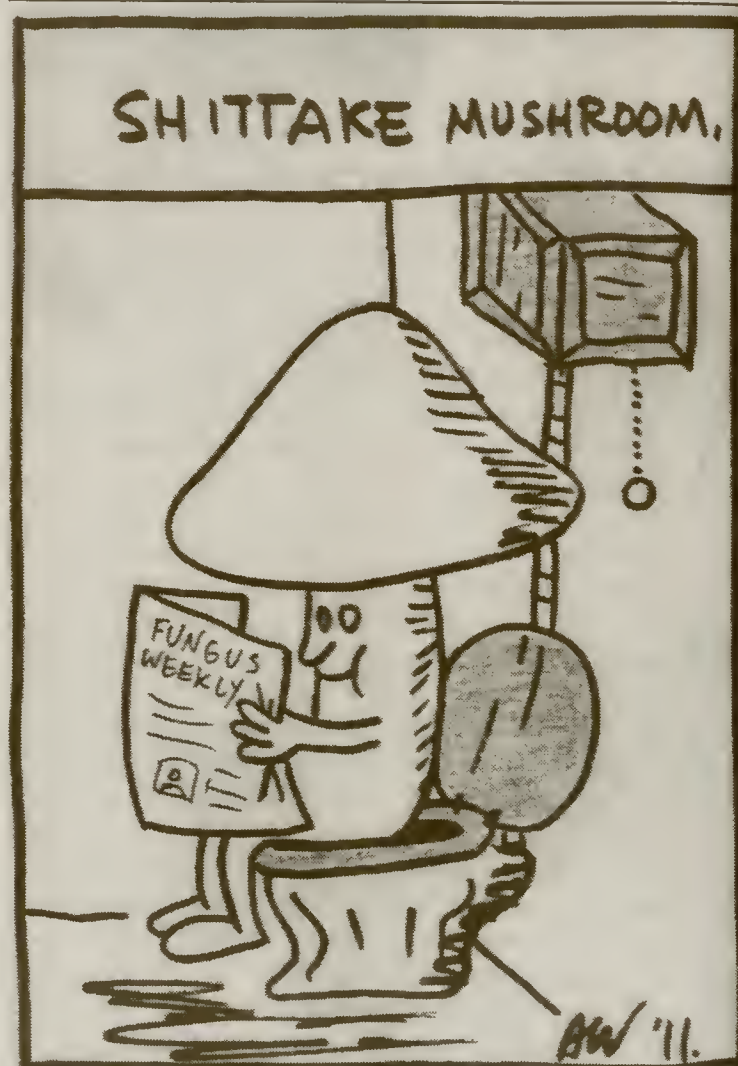
ALD for Russo

Dear Editor,

As the president of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and on behalf of the society's members, I would like to announce our endorsement for Nick Russo for SGA president. I have known Nick since he was inducted into ALD last year, and he has been an incredible asset to our honor society. Nick is a dedicated leader and is able to effectively manage projects while bringing results. Always willing to sacrifice his time for others, Nick will go out of his way to listen to the concerns of LSC students and be their voice. Nick is driven by a sincere dedication to Lyndon State and his character and initiative will ensure that he makes the right decisions for the students as SGA President.

We look forward to Nick's leadership in 2011.

Emma Shattuck, President ALD, on behalf of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society



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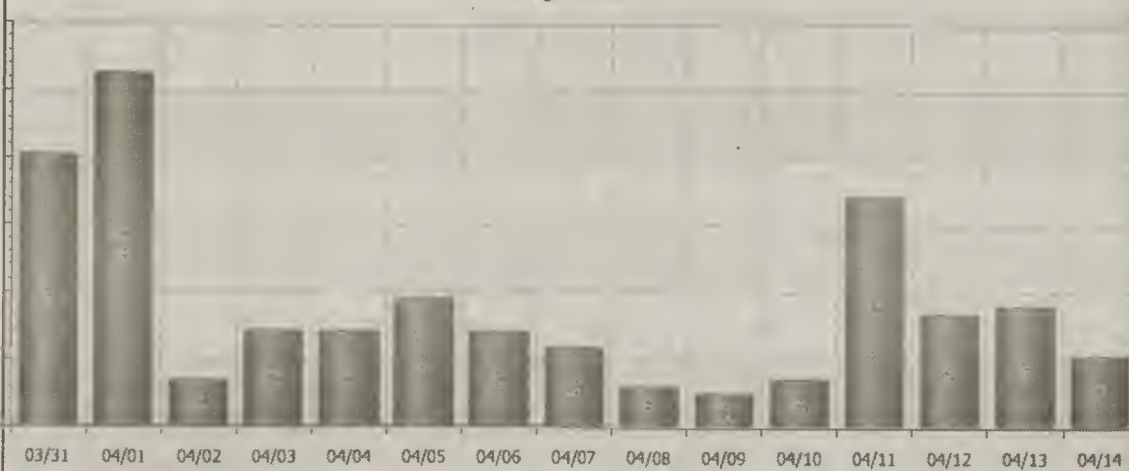
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Hockey for dummies

Analysis of the NHL playoffs by someone who's never watched a single hockey game

Chris Peltier
Critic Columnist

EAST

Lightning vs Penguins – This one seems like a no brainer to me. Lightning can strike whenever it wants. It don't give a shit. Sometimes in the same place twice. Or even more. It's unpredictable, electric. Penguins just waddle around. Lightning can strike a penguin whenever it wants. Penguin attacks on lightning are way more rare. Even if they see lightning, well it's just too late. Although penguins are more acclimated to ice, lightning can melt ice.

WINNERS = LIGHTNING

Bruins vs. Canadians – USA all the way. Bruins are a type of bear. Scary! Canadians are lazy in nature. Although they don't completely wuss out of fighting in major wars (I'm looking at you, Switzerland), they are a relative non-factor, like the WNBA draft on ESPN. Canadians love hockey, so that's a point for them, but bears love eating humans. Although poor ones, Canadians are still humans.

WINNERS = BRUINS

Rangers vs Capitals— yawn. What boring logos. The Capitals are from Washington DC and this is the best they could do? Why not the Washington Watergates: stealing victories since 1972! But the New York Rangers? This isn't the wild west. According to Wikipedia (so you know it's true) in principle, a ranger is a person charged with "ranging over" and protecting an area of countryside. Um, hello? Have you seen New York! Wicked um countryside! It's like a concrete jungle or something! So they're just wrong. Dave Marks likes the Rangers, and Dave Marks sucks.

WINNERS = CAPITALS

Flyers vs Sabres. Sabres? I don't follow... what's a sab-ray? OH! SABER! You're trying to say Saber! I don't speak freaky-decky French. How can an American team so hastily throw away its roots and use the French spelling. Sabers are swords; powerful. The French are weak. Although Ricky Papparo likes the Flyers, and Ricky also sucks, I still give the edge to Philadelphia here. At least they didn't piss on the stars and stripes while they named their team. Give me some freedom fries, liberty toast, and constitutional kissing any day.

WINNERS = FLYERS

WEST

Blackhawks vs. Canucks –

How can we name teams after words that have been used to demean an entire race? (I'm looking at you Cleveland Indians, Washington Redskins, Kansas City Chiefs, and Toronto Raptors [Dinosaurs have feelings too...and I bet they wouldn't want to be referred to in the same sentence as "Toronto". Does anyone?]). Hey, wait a minute... the Blackhawks aren't dark colored birds of prey like I initially thought...their logo is a Native American! This is just a battle of the politically incorrect. It's like watching Don Imus fist-fight Rush Limbaugh. But enough about dinosaurs. Both teams need to have a long hard look at their logos. How about something less offensive, like the Chicago Windys and the Vancouver Northern Seattles? **WINNERS=BLACKHAWKS**

Kings vs Sharks – On one hand you have the assumed regal power of the Kings. Monarchs don't lose. EVER. Oh wait a minute, how'd that work out for you, England? but sharks are very badass, and have often been referred to by scholars as "kings/winner/doctors of the ocean". The Kings leave their realm ambiguous; I don't know what they rule. Certainly not Los Angeles. Finding a hockey fan in LA is as hard as finding a Clipper fan. People just don't care. And neither do I. Oh! I just noticed both teams are from California!

WINNERS=SHARKS

Predators vs Ducks. The Ducks? Didn't they used to be the Mighty Ducks? Huh. Must have had to change the name when Coach Bombay retired and Averbman got his third DUI. And Charlie Conway is a little bitch. "Oh you need a spot on the team? I'll sit and give up personal glory because I suck anyway!". But I digress. Predators hunt weaker animals. The duck is a weaker animal...it's the circle of life. Bonus points if the Elton John song from The Lion King didn't just run through your head.

WINNERS = PREDATORS.

Coyotes vs Red Wings. Coyotes are people-smugglers, and I don't fully understand why someone would name a hockey team after them. Oh well. I wasn't exactly sure what a Red Wing was, so I looked it up in the dictionary (UrbanDictionary, that is). My god. Who would name a team after that?

WINNERS = COYOTES.

Office politics 101

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Unless you've worked in an office, you may not know much about office politics. There are no textbooks on the subject, no peer-reviewed papers, nor are there likely to be any academic dissertations on its finer points. That's a shame because right now, office politics is beginning to take control of your life and your future.

Office politics is a derogatory term describing an office environment that has broken down into individuals and cliques opposed to one another. Instead of a team working together to achieve common goals, each group works to undermine the efforts of others and take credit for any positive results that manages to survive office combat.

The traditional purpose of a college is to impart skills and knowledge that will make the lives of students satisfying and productive. To that end, a college needs teachers who can impart knowledge in their respective disciplines while inspiring students with a lifetime love of learning. There is also a need for administrators to manage the enterprise with the goal of profitably accom-

plishing the educational objectives of the school. And, of course, there must be staff to handle the brick and mortar aspects of the enterprise. Classrooms must be heated, equipment maintained, library shelves stocked, records kept, and so on.

There is also the misnamed student government, which serves only to disburse funds that are collected by the college and provided to student government to administer. The idea of student government only goes back a hundred years or so and hit a low-water mark in 1967, when CIA involvement in funding and influencing activities of the National Student Association was disclosed. Then, a few years later, following a period in which student strikes and protests shut down many colleges, student involvement in the operation of colleges increased to its highest level ever. By the end of the century, student interest and influence had declined until only the distribution of student activity fees remained.

Whatever the distribution of responsibility and authority, the central goal remains the education of students in a way that best equips them for their future lives. At least that's the the-

ory, what about the reality?

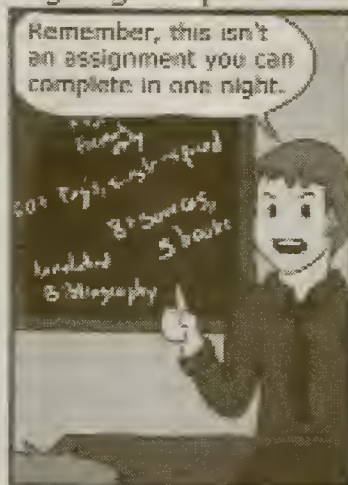
If recent events at this college are any indication, the relationship between all these groups has become more adversarial than cooperative. We all know that the college is beset with financial problems. This is the kind of situation that calls for teamwork and cooperation at all levels, but let's look at what is really happening.

The administration, apparently operating on the assumption that all is well in their area and they alone have the answers, slashes courses, rearranges departments, and arbitrarily decides that more experienced professors should go and be replaced by low-cost part-timers. The faculty responds with accusations that this will adversely affect the educational process, but then holds secret meetings and drops hints that perhaps with sufficient financial incentives, the administration's plan might be acceptable. Following one such closed-door meeting the faculty issues a poorly written note that they call a "press release" and sends it out to all news media in the state. The cryptic language of this so-called release was so muddled that had it

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Life of a Specialkid

Comic by Sherra Howe
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Dave Daly

for SGA President



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SGA ballot is fair

To the editor: in regard to Katee Ingram, Alyssa Sylvia and Dan Weiner.

This is written in response to what is being said around campus in regards to the three candidates that were pulled from the Student Government elections. I would just like to address the fact that students who want to run for the exec board of SGA should be responsible enough to follow up with their petitions and the information and requirements that go along with this leadership role. Students who hold a leadership position should be academic role models which include staying in contact with teachers, staying up to date with their grade point average and asking the appropriate academic questions that pertain to important matters such as these.

This requirement does NOT just apply to students

running in this race. GPA standards such as these apply to people who want to be a part of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, people who desire other leadership roles such as Peer Leading and are even enforced for certain class enrollments such as fieldwork and internships.

Students need to earn the privilege of serving their peers and in this case need to earn the specific GPA. These GPA standards are there for a reason. I am thrilled that you three want to run and be a part of this school and have an impact on other students, but these standards and technicalities are there for a reason; they serve a purpose. You guys are great leaders and you guys should definitely run next year!

Margaret George
SGA commuter representative

The vision of the future

To the editor:

In a memo to Department Chairs dated March 2, 2011, President Moore announced a new "target" for LSC's student to full-time faculty ratio. The matter was also discussed at our Faculty Assembly meeting on April 12, 2011, in the presence of a Critic reporter. Now that this "target" ratio is public information, it should be known by all, because it provides a glimpse into the administration's vision for our future.

Here in part is President Moore's written statement: "Based on the review to date of the curriculum, discussions with departments, the NEASC* recommendation to right-size** the curriculum and our current budgetary constraints, the following targets will be guiding our actions now and into the future.6. Minimum of 35:1 student to full-time faculty ratio..."

The most complete information that I have from the Fall 2010 semester places the number of full-time faculty at 56 and the enrollment estimate at 1303. This yields a student to full-time faculty ratio of 23.3, which is very close to the national average of 24. If one applies the new LSC "target" ratio to an enrollment of 1303, the number of full-time faculty is 37.2.

I repeat - Our administration believes that having 37 full-time faculty members is acceptable for our college at its present size. They must envision a greatly diminished core of full-time faculty, a huge cadre of vulnerable part-time instructors and an outsized palace guard of Deans and Directors. (Dr. Moore has never proposed decreases in the number of Deans or Directors.) This is not about "the money," it's about power and control.

LSC's motto is "The Expe-

riences Make the Difference." How different our students' experiences will be if this administration realizes its vision for our future.

Sincerely,

Timothy Miles Sturm, Ph.D.
Professor of Education and Special Education

P.S. *(The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is our accreditation organization - The reader should note that, to date, only a privileged few have seen the complete NEASC report and know what it actually says.....about anything. It has not been made available to faculty.)

P.P.S. **(Dr. Moore has been at this college for thirteen years. Let's not forget that she encouraged and approved the apparent "wrong sizing" of our curriculum.)

Politics

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been written by a freshman, it would have earned no more than a C grade. I'm sure it gave a lot of reporters around the state a good laugh when it arrived in their offices.

Meanwhile, the student government, following the stellar example set by their elders, held their own secret meetings and issued statements supporting the administration without disclosing the basis for their

decision and withholding all information about who favored what.

Who are we to believe? The administration justifies everything they do or propose by saying, in effect, "Don't worry kids, none of this will affect your graduation." The faculty comes out publicly in support of quality education, then goes into executive session to discuss the real issues—faculty salaries, job security, and perks. The student government, without any real

knowledge of the underlying problems, but realizing which side their bread is buttered on, comes out in support of the administration. Of course not wanting to antagonize anyone who may be grading their papers in the future,

they avoid any personal responsibility for the group's decision.

Notice that not one of these groups feels that it should bear any costs or make any sacrifices. That role is left to the student body. Students can pay more tuition since the burden will only be felt after graduation when loans come due. Student education may suffer as class sizes rise and course are cut, but so what? Students are promised that they will be able to graduate even if the quality of their education goes down.

A while ago, MIT decided to make most of their courseware—everything from notes, syllabi, and lectures—on line with free access to the public. Some cynics called this proof that what MIT was selling was not education but credentials. If you want an MIT education, it's free, but an MIT diploma will cost you a bundle. I don't think that's true, but isn't that what our administration is saying? Don't worry about your education, we'll make sure you get your diploma.

And that diploma, hopefully, will get you a good job in a nice office where can get involved in real office politics.



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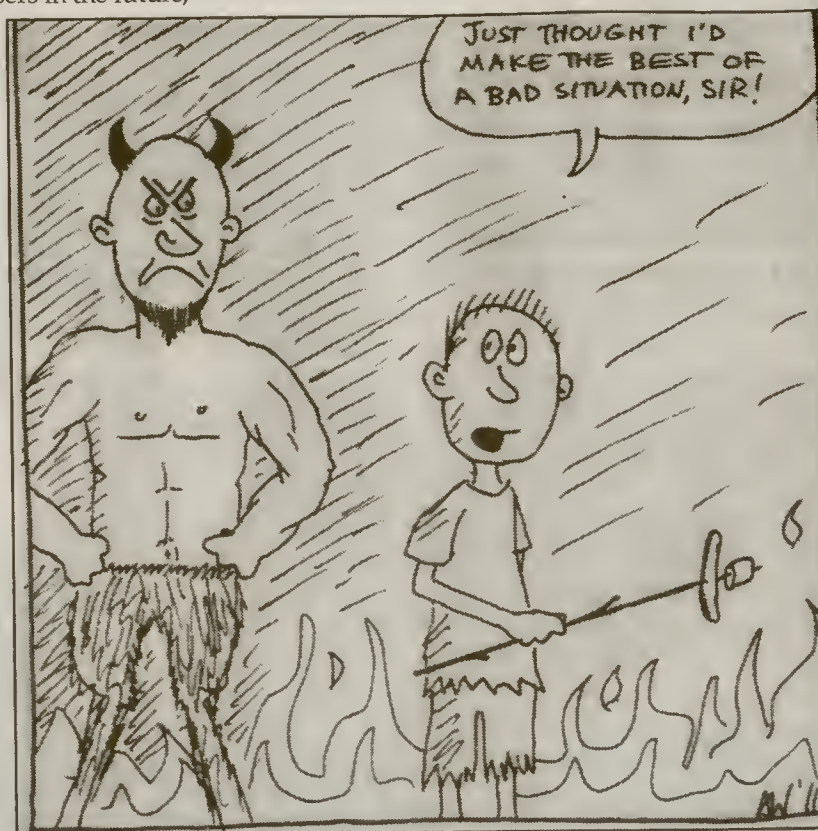
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Lyndonville gang causes concern

Nate Lucier

News Correspondent

Lyndonville is far from urban, but that hasn't stopped a gang from forming in the area.

Lyndon Police Chief Jack Harris said the gang is mostly made up of 12 to 14 year-olds around the Lyndon area, and they dubbed themselves "Death Row 35."

The gang was first recognized when a father reported his daughter was initiated into the gang approximately a year ago, but lately, the gang has drawn more concern.

Harris says that while many of the members are youths, "this is not kid stuff."

The walking bridge that connects sports fields to the Lyndon community has been the primary sight of a lot of the gang's violence. This is where police have recovered evidence of the gang's activity with objects such as bats, clubs, and sticks that were

under the bridge.

Many people are now avoiding using the bridge altogether, and the students are being encouraged to take a different route as well, according to Harris.

"It's a lot of harassment and intimidation," Harris said.

The gang has also taken advantage of houses without alarm systems by breaking in and stealing things.

Cindy Karasinski, a librarian at the town library, was slapped by one of the gang's members while trying to break up a fight in front of the building. She is not only concerned for the people that the gang is terrorizing, but for the young gang members themselves.

"They're young kids and they need nurturing and care," Karasinski said.

A meeting was recently held at the Town School so that residents could voice their concerns about the matter, and everyone could

brainstorm solutions.

"People are scared to go across the footbridge," said resident Leo Cotnoir at the meeting, "and people are scared to even walk out of their own houses just to go to the store."

"We're going to attempt to address it," said Harris at the meeting, "between a neighborhood watch program and community justice program."

Lyndon Institute is also trying to help with these is-

sues. The school increased its security force and some of the faculty is wearing plain or casual clothes in attempt to not stick out as an authoritative figure.

Dining hall keeping it fresh

Peter Lipomi

News Correspondent

The managers and directors of Stevens Dining Hall spend more time planning meals than some students may think.

The cooks at the dining hall are required to take tallies on every item they serve at their station. For the entrees on what is known as the "home-line", tallies are based on portions noted before serving.

"Without it, it would be a crap shoot," food production manager Tim Murawski said.

In the back office of the dining hall, Murawski spends most of his day developing meals for the weeks to come. He bases the meals off a four-week rotation. But Murawski is constantly moving things around to account for foods that do and do not work.

"Nothing stays the same, things keep changing," he said.

When asked about the popularity comparison be-

tween the consistent hamburger and pizza stations and the "home-line", Director Adam Vigue believes it is spread evenly. Some students automatically go to the hamburgers and fries for a meal.

But something popular can be offered on the grill that draws students to eat from it, like the Philly-cheese steak sandwich. In this case, Murawski is aware that the home-line will be less popular, no matter the meal.

"(We) try to have a complete meal on the home-line, basically you're going to have your home meal," Vigue said.

Vigue likes to make sure there is nothing too crazy on the home-line. He prefers the meals to be very recognizable for students.

For example, the BBQ brisket of beef was offered with carrots and rice pilaf on the home-line. The computer program with the food options Aramark uses also lists the nutritional facts per portion. Then Murawski and his other co-workers print out

these facts for every food at every meal. But students may not look at them.

The brisket has 310 calories and 19 grams of carbohydrates, the carrots has 60 calories and 7 grams of carbs, and the rice pilaf has 170 calories and 30 carbs. The meatball pizza has 310 calories and 34 grams of carbs.

Comparing the two meal choices, the "home-line" to the pizza and whatever else added with it, the home-style meal offers the healthiest food options on campus.

Even with the meals constantly changing and adapting to student popularity, variety may not be the concern to most.

"Variety isn't the problem, its quantity. When there is something I want, they run out," said sophomore Joe Walsh.

The back office in the dining hall addresses this problem. With the tallies always counting, it is easy to spot problems from a meal.

LSC stays healthy during flu season

Jessica Walsh

News Correspondent

Now that flu and cold season is over, students can rest easy and try to remain healthy all the way into finals week. But how did Lyndon fair this winter? Compared to last year with the attack of the H1N1 virus, the Brown House is happy with the results.

"We've seen a lot of regular colds, sometimes students they think they have more than they do, but mostly just colds. A few ear infections, just minor things," says Paula Chamberlin, the secretary at the Brown House who sets up appointments for students.

Last year, with the attack of H1N1, Lyndon was hit pretty hard and they even had to send some students home to ensure that the remaining students on campus wouldn't catch it. Vaccines were being distributed and students were wary of touching doorknobs and staircase rails in fear that they too would catch the virus.

College campuses all over the nation took serious precautions, and were hoping to have a much healthier year this year.

"We certainly saw a lot

less flu, we didn't see any H1N1 like we did the year before. We saw a few sporadic seasonal flus, but really we didn't see much at all," says Miriam Simon, a nurse at the Brown House.

Compared to other colleges around the nation, Lyndon is very healthy with far less cold and flu cases. Even members of the Lyndonville community fared well as well. Simon also works at Corner Medical, the family practice in town, twice a week. She says that compared to last year, it was a very healthy year.

"We didn't see anything like last year, not at all. It was pretty quiet as far as the flu," she said.

"The number of viral upper respiratory infections pretty much stays the same year to year," says Simon who adds "sore throats and colds are pretty common here and upper respiratory infections as well."

"I hope college students learned from last year better health habits as far as hygiene and will continue to do that," says Simon as she hopes that Lyndon continues to maintain their healthy habits.

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Student Government

Who's who in the race?

President:

Dave Daly vs. Nick Russo



Name: Dave Daly
Major: Music Business
Class: Junior
Hometown: Danville, Vt.
SGA Experience: Two years (Twilight Players rep, SGA Administration VP)
What clubs are you currently involved in? Twilight Players,

MEISA

Why are you running?: I believe that I have the qualifications and leadership experience to be the face of the student body.



Name: Nicholas Russo
Major: Atmospheric Sciences
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Norwell, Mass.
SGA Experience: Current SGA financial controller since January, executive cabinet vice president of residential, non-traditional,

and commuter affairs in Fall 2010, club rep. for The Critic in Spring of 2010.

What clubs are you currently involved in? WWLR 91.5 the Impulse, American Meteorological Society, Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, The Critic.

Why are you running?: I'm passionate about serving the students of this campus and am able to connect with the average student. I've never been the star athlete or most popular person, and that's OK because I'm not going to have an allegiance to any person or club as president. I'll be able to bridge the gap between administration and students as a strong moderating voice. I care deeply about Lyndon and the students who go here, and will do everything I can to provide opportunities for students to have a powerful voice.

Calling all seniors – photos wanted!!

The Senior Week Committee is putting together a slide show of pictures to be viewed during Senior Week and we need your help! Please upload any photos that you would like to have included in the slide show by Friday, April 15th. Put all of your images into a compressed folder ("zip", "tar", etc) before uploading <http://www.dropitto.me/lyndonsenior2011> password: lyndon2011.

If you have a traditional photo and are not able to scan it, please place it in the on-campus mail and direct it to Hannah Manley c/o the Alumni House - these photos will be returned.

We're looking for photos that portray seniors during their years at Lyndon. Some thoughts and suggestions would include:

Seniors with friends (the friends don't have to be seniors!)
 Seniors taking part in campus events and activities
 Seniors playing intramurals or intercollegiate sports
 Seniors at work, seniors at play...

Seniors on class trips
 Seniors showing their school spirit
 Seniors in their field of study
 And the list goes on!

If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Manley at 626-6433 or hannah.manley@lyndonstate.edu. Thank you in advance for assisting us with this special project!

The Senior Weekend Committee



Executive Vice President:

Sean Siciliano



Major: Electronic Journalism Arts
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Middleboro, Mass.
SGA Experience: Executive Vice President Cabinet on the SGA to CAB
What clubs are you currently involved in? CAB
Why are you running?: I feel that my role in the college and the SGA will help students see what the college is all about and allow their voices to be heard in the appropriate manner

Administrative Vice President:

Meghan Dolyak



Major: Special Education
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Sandy Hook, CT
SGA Experience: One year as second year elected representative
What clubs are you currently involved in? Student Ambassador, Student Government Association. Past member of the LSC Ski and Ride

Why are you running?: I am running because I want to serve as an active voice the student body on the SGA Executive Board. I have had a tremendous time serving as an elected representative, but now I want to serve at the next level, representing every student on this campus.

Financial Controller:



Julie Austin
Major: Accounting
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Lyndonville, Vt.
SGA Experience: None

SGA ELECTION

April 18-20
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Association elections:



Photos by Sam Monroe

Administrative Vice President Candidate Meghan Dolyak speaks at the open forum Thursday afternoon. Looking on from left: Nick Russo, Dave Daly, and Sean Siciliano. To the right of Dolyak is Julie Austin.

Question and answer with the candidates:

Why should students vote for you?

Daly: I am honest, level-headed, and I care about the students. I will gather student opinions and bring them to the administration, not the other way around. Most importantly, I genuinely love Lyndon State College, and will work as hard as I can to make it the best it can be.

Russo: I have been in the trenches and sacrificed my time to be sure the finances of the SGA are in order. I came into a financial controller position that was broken and unattended and I've revolutionized the way finances are kept. I've tackled tough issues including the break schedule and have fought for the voice of the students in Montpelier several times. If elected I will continue to work with urgency to make sure we make this college the best place it can be.

Dolyak: I believe that students should vote for me because I am a nice, caring and honest individual. I love Lyndon State College, and enjoy working with students to get the job done to provide as many opportunities for our clubs and organizations here on campus.

Siciliano: I know that students have great ideas but some will not come forward and say them... so my plan is to try and

find those students and get them involved to help make this college a better place.

What is currently the biggest problem facing the SGA (related to your position)?

Daly: The SGA seems to have a negative perception to some students. The SGA has done some amazing things this year, and it is important that students realize this.

Russo: We need to have a more open student government. That means more town hall meetings, open forums, and commuter days for students to share their perspectives and create a positive view of the SGA. As a writer for The Critic I will publish a weekly column to update students on the happenings of the SGA and provide SGA news to WWLR for broadcast.

Dolyak: Dave does a great job. **Siciliano:** Transparency and lack of communication between clubs.

What is the best thing the SGA does? Why?

Daly: The SGA creates resolutions based on student opinions, and brings the resolutions directly to members of the administration. This lets the ad-

ministration know exactly how the students feel, and can directly affect policies and administrative decisions.

Russo: The SGA fundamentally serves a vital service in distributing the student activity fee and without an SGA the college does not exist. It connects clubs and provides for a unified student voice.

Dolyak: The best thing that the SGA does is it provides funding to clubs and organizations, as well as students to enhance their college experience here at Lyndon State College. Whether it is a donation to the Santa Fund to help needed children have a better holiday season, or to send students to Guatemala, it is incredible to make these things happen. I am looking forward to expanding upon this.

Siciliano: To be the VOICE OF THE STUDENT BODY. While also giving a variety of clubs money so that they can make the college a better place.

What qualifies you for this position?

Daly: I have been an active member of the SGA for two years now, serving as the Twilight Players representative and the SGA Administrative Vice President. I have a 3.76 GPA, and have made Dean's List the last two semesters. I have

worked as a Peer Leader and Student Ambassador, and currently work in the Admissions office.

Russo: Through my one and a half years on the SGA, I've seen the great work it can do, and want to build upon the good job it has done while rooting out personal biases. That means it is my responsibility to provide every club and student group a fair and equal chance to obtain funding. I am knowledgeable about my responsibilities in the SGA constitution and how to run meetings efficiently.

Dolyak: I believe that my personality along with my different leadership roles on campus make me qualified for this position. I am very open to everyone's opinions and want to represent all students at this college.

Siciliano: I have been on the SGA fully for one year while attending many meetings my freshman year. Sharing an office with the SGA executive board has given me the ability to see what they do and realize how much work they put into the organization.

What is your biggest strength?

Daly: My ability to communicate and work with people.

Russo: My biggest strength is

that I have been there doing the hard work to make this campus a better place. As an RA I've connected with the average student and acted as a mentor and counselor for students in the residence halls. I have a clear view of where the SGA needs to be and will give 120 percent until the student body goals have been achieved and surpassed.

Dolyak: My biggest strength is that I am kind and honest. I'm not a big fan of secrets, so you won't see any coming from me!

Siciliano: Being able to talk to anybody and listen to what they have to say.

What is your biggest weakness?

Daly: Sometimes I become so dedicated to what I am doing, other things in my life don't get enough attention.

Russo: People perceive me as too nice of a guy because I'm a man of honesty and integrity. They think I'm going to get trampled on and ignored as the student body president, but they could not be further from the truth.

Dolyak: My biggest weakness is that sometimes I'm a little bit too nice, but I don't really think that's a weakness.

Siciliano: Trying to keep time for myself.

Emily's Bridge good option for springtime adventure

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

If you're looking for a good springtime scare, Emily's Bridge in Stowe is the perfect place to visit. The bridge is outside of town, making it even worse as the road turns to dirt and you see less and less houses and more and more trees; even without anything happening, it is a fairly spooky area.

We parked the car on the bridge, lowered all the windows, opened the sunroof and the three of us actually got out and walked around on the bridge. We ended up leaving slightly disappointed that we drove all that way and didn't hear anything.

About a mile down the road I asked to turn around and we went back. This time we parked the car on the

bridge, lowered our windows and sat there. I even called out to Emily. Next thing you knew I heard a noise coming from the bottom of the car as if something was hitting at the car, although no one else heard it. It kept getting louder until everyone in the car heard it loud and clear and at that point we left quickly. I myself was quite freaked out.

Now that it is finally getting warmer outside you can start going on outdoor adventures. No more cabin fever, instead it's time to try something exciting. This area has quite a few different things to do you just need to look for them. Emily's Bridge is just one place you can check out.

It is a normal bridge that people drive on during the day to get to their homes but at night it is not an ordinary covered bridge, but a bridge

haunted by a ghost named Emily off of Gold Brook road. There are several different stories of how Emily died but the most common one that I have heard is she was supposed to meet her lover on the bridge but he never showed and she ended up hanging herself on the rafters.

There is no historical proof in regards to Emily's existence, but there has been paranormal activity reported on the bridge. The majority of these events take place between the hours of midnight and 3:30 a.m.

People have mentioned things happening such as having scratch marks on their



Emily's Bridge is located in Stowe, Vt. .

Photo by Emilie Lariviere

car after (scratched by Emily's ghost), or other noises such as ropes tightening, and if your vehicle is parked on the bridge it is said you can hear Emily banging on it.

If you want to learn more about Emily's Bridge and the paranormal activity that has occurred, check out emilys-bridge.com.

Countless attractions available in Montreal

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

As students prepare for their CAB-sponsored bus trip to Montreal this Saturday (the bus leaves at 9 a.m.), they must consider some of the many ways to spend a day in the historic city.

This French-speaking city is filled with countless attractions and would take weeks to tackle them all. I highly recommend planning just a little in advance of what you might want to do when you visit our neighbor to the north.

For those that are new to the city, you might consider

just seeing the sights. Notre-Dame Basilica is Montreal's oldest Catholic Church. It was built in 1656; the church is famous for its intricate interior and stained glass, making it perfect for students interested in historical landmarks.

Another a good attraction is Mont (Mount) Royal. Located just less than 2 miles from the city center, this tripeaked mountain stands 764 feet and provides a great view of the city. It is also the source for the city's name (Mount Royal = Montreal).

Perhaps the best way to see the city is to simply check out one of the many tours. It's a good way to get a larger

perspective on a fairly large city.

For students looking for other entertainment, they can find a number of other attractions in Montreal. One of my personal favorites is the Montreal Biodome. Featuring over 4,000 animals, this facility allows visitors to walk through a series of different ecosystems, with hundreds of species of animals all around them.

There you will find a range of ecosystems from the Tropical Forest, to a Polar area with creatures you wouldn't see on this side of the Earth. Equipped with aquarium as well, this is the spot for any

animal lovers to go see nature's creativity in many forms.

For those who have seen all of the sights, you might want to try heading to the streets of Montreal. Among the popular streets in the city, you will find St. Catherine's and Crescent Street near the top of the list. Filled with a number of restaurants, pubs, and other interesting places, these streets are both a good place to grab some food, maybe a drink, or even just to walk down with some friends.

If any students are feeling lucky, why not head down to the Casino de Montreal. This

is one of Quebec's largest casinos, and is great place to have a good time. Just don't bring too much money! If you know your gambling limits, and are eager to win an extra buck or two on a variety of different games, this might be the place for you. Just remember; don't touch the cards until the dealer says so!

Regardless of what you may choose to do, Montreal is a beautiful city with tons of history surrounding it. A large variety of attractions wait around every corner. I can only scratch the surface of the possibilities, but hopefully you will find something to make your day enjoyable.

"My Soul to Take" fails to deliver

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

Have horror films and writers lost their touch? This may be the case, as I have not seen a well-done horror film in quite some time. They all seem the same: blood, guts and a lot of screaming.

When I saw Wes Craven's name on this film, I had a lot of expectations. Seeing his work with the Nightmare on Elm Street movies, and his written work for the Hills Have Eyes films, I definitely expected a lot more from this horror film expert.

I guess it is hard to make a truly original well-done horror film these days. The

film starts out with a very gruesome murder from a mentally deranged individual with more than one personality.

One ambulance ride that ends next to the river in flames and one less body transitions into "16 years later" with seven adolescence teenagers ready to celebrate the same birthday. What's their birthday you ask? Well it is the same day that "The Riverton Ripper" died, or at least they never found his body after the accident and presumed him dead.

Strange and predictable to the movie viewer, murders take place, one by one with each unwilling and terrified

teenager. With a few supernatural and psychological twists and turns, the truth comes out...

Now I don't like to give away any movie, but take it from me, this is a B-rated movie that I would rate 2 out of 5 stars. It was somewhat original, but predictable and it did not meet the scare or surprise requirements in any way.

If you are looking for a truly dark, scary and bloody movie, look elsewhere. This will only have you raising your eyebrow, looking for the remote, pressing eject, grabbing the car keys and returning this DVD as soon as you can.

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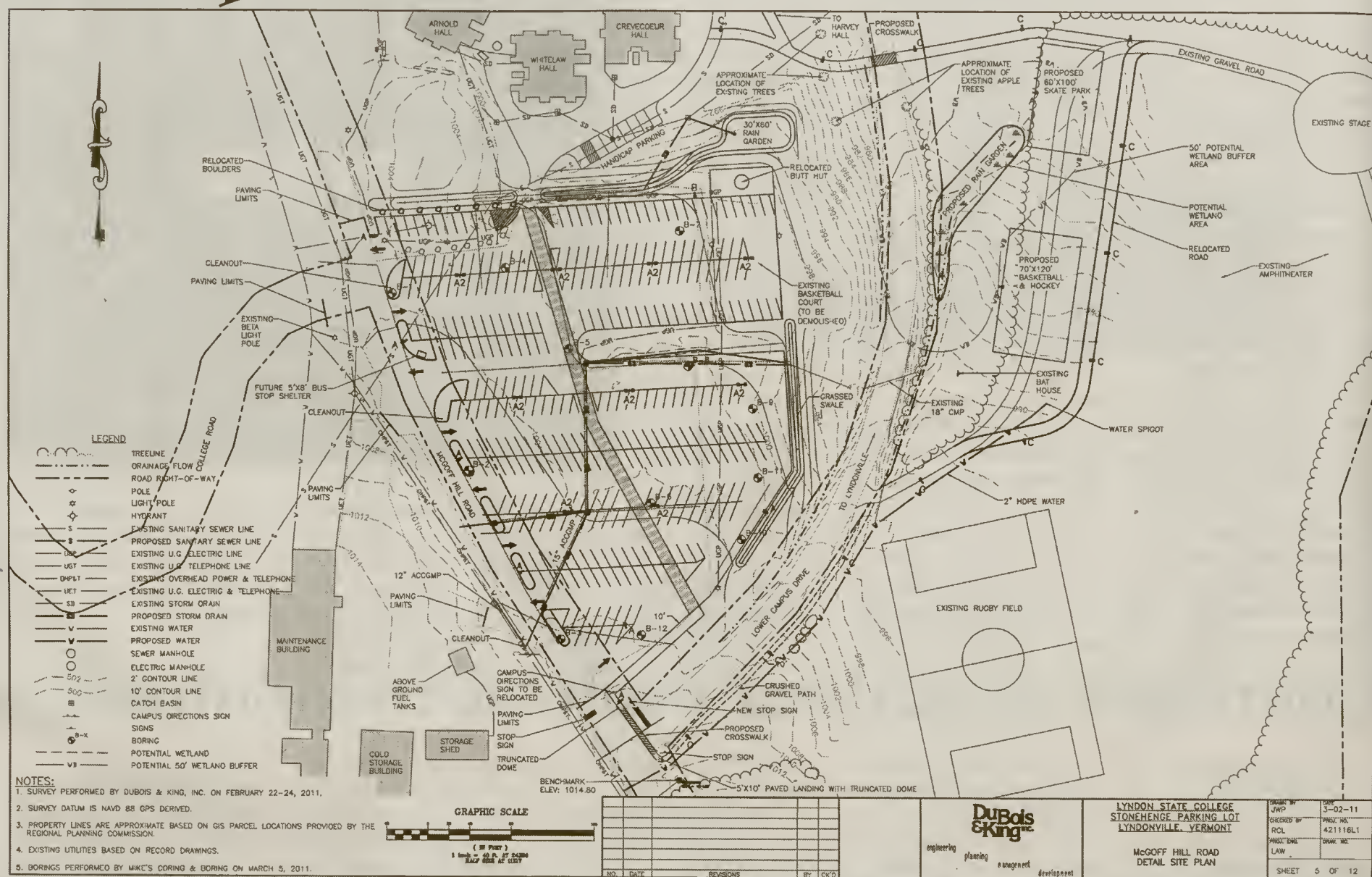
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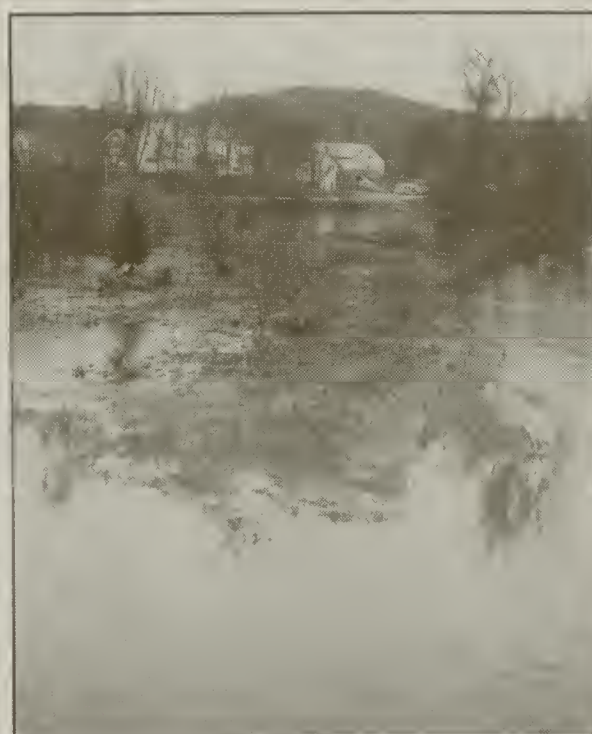


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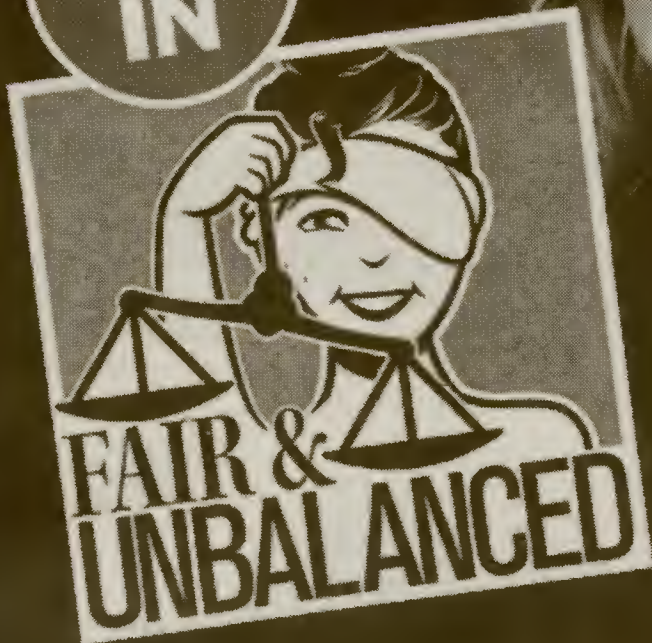
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Hornet coaches are busy bees at Lyndon

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

Lyndon State College coaches have fulltime jobs outside of coaching students, unlike at bigger schools.

LSC is a small school that recently became part of the NCAA Division III. It cannot pay its coaches like some bigger schools can to just coach and many have fulltime jobs outside of the school.

"All of our coaches have fulltime employment in addition to their coaching duties," said Athletic Director Chris Ummer. "We have no coaches that are fulltime head coaches

here. No one is going to have a job at this level that says 'I'm just a coach'. That would be awesome, but unfortunately that's not the case."

The smallest amount a head coach makes at LSC is \$5,000 a year while the most is \$14,000 along with other responsibilities. In comparison with the University of Vermont from base pay numbers released in January, the smallest annual salary for a head coach at UVM was \$59,000. UVM is a larger school in NCAA Division I, but it shows the disparity in pay for coaches at LSC's level.

Some of the coaches are

fulltime employees at LSC in other capacities. Besides being Athletic Director, Ummer coaches cross-country. Vinnie Maloney, the women's basketball coach, is also the associate director of admissions. Susan Henry, the women's tennis coach, is also the director of intramurals. Men's tennis coach Geoffrey Davison is also an assistant professor of exercise science.

There are coaches who in addition to their coaching roles teach classes at LSC. Men's basketball coach Joseph Krupinski is currently teaching a class on coaching methods. Ummer is teaching an

exercise science class on care and prevention of injuries.

"I teach a course in the fall and the spring. It's all athletic training courses, because that's my background as an athletic trainer," said Ummer. "I really enjoy teaching. Is it extra money? Sure. But I like the opportunity to be in the classroom and teach. Even coaching is really teaching."

The list of jobs that coaches hold outside of LSC is as varied as it is numerous. Volleyball coach Sean Fisher works at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Men's lacrosse coach Tim Tierney

works at Kingdom Trails.

Baseball coach Ryan Farley is an athletic trainer at the physical therapy clinic in Lyndonville.

"I work at the Lyndon Town School," said Krupinski. "That's during the day so I usually don't get in until 3:30. That's my other employment."

"Everyone's full-time maybe here or somewhere else," said Ummer. "So when they are not coaching they are very busy with their other duties, responsibilities with their full-time jobs."

What We've Learned: It's not how ya start

Phil Alexander
Kevin Lessard
Critic Columnists

Some baseball teams that are on a hot streak in April do not always stay hot until October.

So what does MLB history say about teams that lead their respective division early into the season? Last season, two of the six divisional leaders (the Tampa Bay Rays and Minnesota Twins) won the division after leading it through

the month of April.

The same can be said for the 2009 season. After one month of baseball, only the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers maintained success by winning the NL Central and NL West divisions, respectively.

The trend was a little different in the 2008 season. As of May 1, 2008, four divisional leaders went on to win the division at the end of the regular season.

Some surprising teams

have started strong out of the gate in the 2011 regular season. Young teams like Baltimore and Cleveland have impressed with great hitting and some timely pitching. Even the Texas Rangers, a team that represented the American League in the World Series last season, have started better than many experts expected.

As always, some teams that have started poorly were not expected to do so. The Boston Red Sox, a team which

owns the second-highest payroll in baseball, is off to a slow start. Meanwhile, the Tampa Bay Rays have struggled to find much offense despite a young, potent pitching staff.

Even the Minnesota Twins, a team that won the AL Central last season, is off to a slow start. Unlike Boston and Tampa Bay, Minnesota did not lose or add many players from last season's roster.

Recent history has been inconsistent when factoring in

fast starts to an MLB season. That is because a baseball season is 162 games long, which makes it more of a marathon than a sprint.

The fast start by some teams in the MLB can be attributed to youth and energy that those teams have. Meanwhile, some veteran teams may take awhile to find a groove and get in the swing of things by the later months of the regular season.

Spring sports getting off to sluggish start

Softball

Lyndon continues to make significant stride toward becoming a contender in the North Atlantic Conference. Thus far on the season, the Hornets are 5-7 on the season with a record of 1-5 in the NAC. Lyndon's win total to date, is two victories ahead of last season's total.

Freshman Kelly Butler leads the team in hitting with an average of .400 and tops the team in hits (14), doubles (5), home runs (1) and runs-batted-in (10) along with senior Mary Gagne who is hitting at a .368 clip. Butler also leads

the team in slugging (.629) and on-base percentage (.500). Freshmen Tia Billado and Chelsea Watson are tops in the program with 39 at-bats and 14 runs scored, respectively.

Freshman Meghan Gadapee tops the pitching staff in several categories including wins (4), appearances (10), starts (9), innings pitched (60.1), strikeouts (24) and earned run average (5.67).

Following many road trips, the softball team is slated to play its only regular season games of the year on Wednesday, a doubleheader

vs. conference rival Johnson State at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Baseball

The Hornets are currently 4-14 overall and 1-5 in the North Atlantic Conference. With two four-game sets with UMaine-Farmington and Castleton left to go, and despite only a few wins under its belt, Lyndon has its sights set on a second-straight NAC playoff berth.

Freshman Michael Cartularo leads the team in hitting with a batting average of .310 and doubles with three. He is also tops in slugging and on-base percentage with marks of .414 and .417, respectively. Fellow frosh Kyle Whitworth is second in batting with an average of .308 while sopho-

more Corey Lescault leads the squad in at-bats (46), hits (11), doubles (tied w/ 3) and runs-batted-in (8).

Leading the Hornet pitching staff for a third straight season is junior Shane O'Donnell-Leach. The crafty left-hander leads the team with two wins, five appearances, five starts and 27 innings pitched. He is also leading the team in earned run average with a mark of 4.33 and strikeouts with 34.

Lacrosse

Lyndon fell to 1-5 on the season, and 1-2 in the North Atlantic Conference, over the weekend with a pair of heart-breaking losses. The Hornets blew a six-goal lead in a tough 11-10 overtime loss to Thomas on Saturday before

suffering a 4-3 setback to UMaine-Farmington on Sunday.

Senior attacker Chris Mansour is tied for the team in scoring with 16 goals and two assists for a total of 18 points. Junior midfielder Max Ercole also has 18 points on 14 goals and four assists while freshman Dan Randall has chipped in nine goals and four assists thus far.

Freshman goalkeeper Matt Reynolds collected 73 saves. He currently has a goals-against-average of 11.45 and a saves percentage of .510.

Men's Tennis

Thomas College won 6-3 over visiting Lyndon in North Atlantic Conference men's tennis play Sunday, leaving the team with an 0-3 overall and 0-2 NAC record so far.

Tyler Schofield and Jeremiah Powell accounted for the Hornets' two singles victories on the day and the tandem of freshman Jonathan Lehan and Donald Jenness recorded Lyndon lone doubles win in the match.

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Recruits can be prodded, but not poked

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

You're a star high school athlete and college coaches are drooling over you.

College coaches can come and see you and talk to you after the game, call you, and e-mail you.

But don't let them poke you. NCAA rules prevent coaches and recruiters from using social networks or text messages to contact a recruit.

The NCAA has rules and regulations for all levels to follow, some vary from Division I athletics all the way up to Division III.

Perhaps the biggest difference in the levels is scholarships. Division I schools are allowed to give full rides to student-athletes and make it so student loans are almost non-existent. DIII schools are not allowed to offer scholarships, which means athletes pile up student loans while playing for their schooling.

Lyndon State College has 12 Division III NCAA athletic teams and all of them are expected to be competitive. In order for the teams to be competitive they must have good players, but how do coaches get those players here?

Recruitment.

Recruiting is a vital aspect to collegiate sports. Without recruiting, teams would never appear in conference championships.

Joe Krupinski, the head coach of the men's basketball team, says that recruiting is a year-round job. Krupinski recently led his team to the North Atlantic Conference Championship game and thinks that will help in his recruiting ventures.

The first step to recruiting an athlete is finding them.

The LSC athletic website offers a place where high school students can submit a form saying they are interested in being recruited, but coaches also have to do some work to find players.

Athletic Director Chris Ummer says going to watch meets and races is the biggest tool for him in finding a student he would like to recruit.

Coaches can go to as

many games as they have time to go to. They can watch whoever they would like and take down names, but a coach can't approach an athlete until their senior year.

However, the athlete can approach them by coming to see the campus. A junior can come and tour the campus as well as talk to the coach and members of the team on campus, but once that athlete leaves the campus contact



Courtesy LSC Athletics website

must stop.

In the NCAA DIII rule-book bylaw 13.02.2 reads:

There are not restrictions on the number of off-campus contacts. Off-campus contacts are not permitted until the conclusion of the prospect's junior year of high school.

Once the athlete is a senior, talks can be ongoing.

"Although there's only so much you can talk about on the phone," said Krupinski. Coaches can e-mail and call as much as they would like. Krupinski says he makes sure the recruit knows he can e-

"The first thing we do is make sure that everyone is academically eligible,"

- Joe Krupinski.

mail him as much as he would like, with game updates, stat updates or just to check in on the team.

Prospective athletes can visit the school as much as they would like as long as the visit is paid for by the student and their family. Anything the school does for a non-athlete it can also do for an athlete on a non-official visit.

"If I really want somebody, I would say here's an official visit," said Ummer who also coaches the men's and women's cross country teams. "But I'm not going to do that for every recruit."

An official visit is one that must be reported to the

NCAA. DIII schools are allowed one official visit per athlete. It allows a prospective athlete to visit the school on the schools budget. An official visit is one in which the athletes transportation to get to the school is paid for (airfare, bus ticket, etc.) the athlete's parents are put in a hotel for a night, or off-campus meals are paid for.

Often prospective athletes will stay with a current athlete on an official visit.

During these trips the current athlete can be given a few dollars from the athletic department each day to take the prospect off campus to eat, or go to other appropriate entertainment.

Natalia Shams is a

senior on the softball team; in her four years at LSC she has been part of the recruiting process.

"We try to get them up here for a basketball game or during a big campus activity," said Shams, who says having the athlete on campus during a game or large event shows the student that the campus is alive and there is more to do than just play softball and go to class.

When a prospective athlete is on campus the team will often get together for a meal to try and make the student feel like she is part of the

team before even arriving for classes, said

Shams. She also said the team will often get together and hit in the gym if the batting cage is up. This way it gives the athlete an idea of what kind of equipment the campus and the team has available to them.

Coaches do everything possible to try and get a player to commit to their school. In the end though it is the player's decision.

For basketball star Phil Warrick it was Lyndon's size that sealed the deal.

"I chose it because of the atmosphere," said Warrick who was named NAC Rookie of the year this past season. "It isn't too big and it isn't too

small either."

He attended a small high school and had a hard time picturing himself playing at a big school.

"I got stuff done there (New Leadership Charter School, Springfield, Mass.) and I know that I can get stuff done here too," he said. Get stuff done is what Warrick did this season. He led his team in points and assists on the way to finishing second in the NAC.

For freshman Ariel McConkey finding the right school was about choosing the wrong one first. For her first semester she went to Central Maine Community College and played basketball there. She soon figured out the school wasn't for her.

She had been recruited by LSC head coach Vinnie Maloney before her freshman year and decided to give it another look.

"I transferred to LSC because I didn't enjoy basketball there (CMCC)," she said. It's not just about basketball for McConkey though. She said she received several academic scholarships and lots of help in financial aid. "I got a better offer to come here," said the stand out freshman, who says after academic scholarships and aid it was cheaper for her to come to LSC then stay in her home state of Maine.

Even at the DIII level college sports are competitive, but at the DIII level athletes are expected to be students before they are athletes. At LSC you must have a 2.0 GPA in order to play a sport.

"The first thing we do is make sure that everyone is academically eligible," said Krupinski.

Ummer believes the DIII level is tailored to the typical



Photo by Sam Monroe

Former recruit Phil Warrick had a huge impact on the men's basketball team his freshman year.

student-athlete. Student comes first because the individual is at Lyndon to first get an education, playing a sport is just a large plus they get out of it.

Athletics at Lyndon are up and coming, but academics will always be first. Ummer says that when recruiting an athlete, he has to focus harder on the school and the surrounding areas than he does the sport.

"I find a unique program," said Ummer, who admits to getting excited when a runner tells him of their interest in atmospheric sciences, television studies, exercise science, or any of Lyndon's professional programs.

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part look into how the NCAA operates at the DIII level. For part two, be sure to pick up next week's issue of The Critic.

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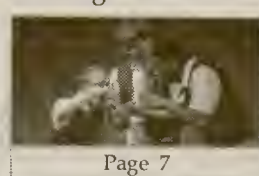
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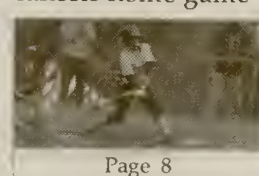
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Chancellor details presidential search



Chancellor Tim Donovan speaks to the faculty Photo by Sam Monroe

Associate Dean of Academics now on the chopping block

No decisions have been finalized

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

While no decisions have been finalized, the associate dean of academics has received a letter notifying him that his position has been eliminated for next year.

John Kascenska received a letter April 14 notifying him that his position was being eliminated. On April 15, President Carol Moore announced her retirement and turned all employment decisions concerning next year's budget to the Vermont State College system Chancellor Tim Donovan.

Moore has submitted a finalized budget to Donovan for his approval. Donovan has said he will look at all decisions before making them final.

"Nothing has been finalized," said Kascenska. "However, I was given a letter on Thursday."

He said he is working under the assumption that he will not be returning next year. Donovan will be reviewing all decisions involving faculty, staff and

administration's jobs.

"He's come in and is reviewing the proposed changes for next year," said Kascenska.

"None of those decisions have been finalized for next year," said Vermont State College Chancellor Tim Donovan Thursday afternoon.

At this point Kascenska will continue to be the associate academic dean until June 30 unless otherwise noted.

"I've been here for 19 years as a faculty and administrator," said Kascenska. "That is a significant amount of my career."

Kascenska graduated from Lyndon in 1982 and returned in 1992 to teach in the mountain recreation department. He is still a part-time member of the department and says he expects to continue teaching in the future.

He says his most immediate plans are to make sure that the college has a good end to the semester.

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

The months ahead will be a busy time for Lyndon State College as the Board of Trustees seeks out the college's future president.

Last week, President Carol Moore announced her retirement, effective June 30.

"At this moment I needed to make this decision for myself and for my family," said Moore. "My husband has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer."

"My parents are 91 and 93 respectively, this year has been a particularly hard year," said Moore of the timing on her decision.

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees will make the final decision on an interim president, as well as the next official president of LSC, with input from a search committee made up of board members, members of the community, faculty and staff, as well as a student.

Chancellor of the Vermont State College system Tim Donovan plans to suggest a possible interim candidate to the board during its June 2 meeting, scheduled to be held at Lyndon State.

"I have no clue who that might be," he said during Tuesday's faculty assembly meeting, asking the faculty for suggestions.

For the long-term presidential seat at LSC, the search will take longer and be nation-wide. Donovan said he would want to look for a candidate who is in the middle of his or her career, rather near the end, to ensure a longer stay at LSC.

"A search for a president is not the college's search for its next president. It's the board's search for the college's next president," Donovan said of the search process.

According to Donovan, who was involved with a presidential search for the Vermont Technical College, the goal will be to schedule it so it will conclude by either the December or February Board of Trustees meetings. The search committee will recommend at least two candidates, and the board will then decide among them.

For the time being, Moore is still in charge of all promotional and tenure issues regarding faculty and staff. However, Donovan is now taking over 'budget-impacting reductions', as well as final budget approval. Because of the retirement announcement, the

faculty federation approved moving reappointment decisions to May 2.

Before Donovan and Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton arrived at the faculty meeting, the faculty put together a list of characteristics they would like to see in an interim president, or whether there should even be one. One of the biggest debates was whether he or she should be involved in the current administration. Several faculty were opposed to a current administrator taking over because of his or her involvement in some of the issues at LSC.

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Faculty-suggested names and characteristics for potential interim:

- Former LSC President Peggy Williams
- Dean of Academic Affairs at CCV David Buchdahl.
- Someone receptive to faculty ideas who is uninvolved in current administration.

13th president leads LSC for 13 years

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

In 13 years our country has seen three different presidents, but our school has seen only one.

Through a recent e-mail, President Carol A. Moore announced to the Lyndon State College community that she will be retiring from her position as president, her last day being June 30, 2011. This decision didn't come lightly, as Moore says she had been in conversation with the VSC Chancellor, Tim Donovan, for several weeks deciding how to proceed in her career.

"My plan was to stay another year, until 2012,"

Moore said. "But my parents need my help and so does my husband. My time needs to be allocated to them now." Moore's parents are in their 90s, currently living independently, and her husband was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

According to the May 5, 1998 edition of The Critic, Moore was named the 13th president of LSC on May 1, 1998, after beating out over 150 other candidates for the position. Since then, enrollment has increased a total of 31 percent, according to Moore, and some of what she considers to be the most notable changes for LSC

aren't things you can see.

"I've seen LSC become less inward looking and more outward looking," says Moore. "I think it operates more professionally now."

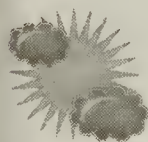
Moore says that another change was an increase in professional development here at LSC, as well as an increased amount of institutional aid for LSC students.

"The development of a culture of philanthropy in the community and within our alumni has come a long way," says Moore, something she considers a very important change, adding, "The college really needs it."

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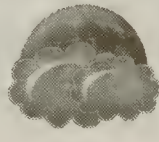
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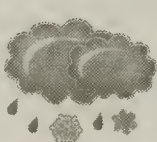
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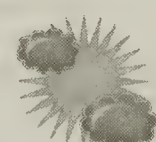
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Russo wins bid for SGA presidency

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

In an election that saw 32 percent of the Lyndon State College student body vote, Nick Russo won the Student Government Association's presidential seat by just 53 votes.

"I'm really excited to take over as the next SGA president," said Russo. "I promise to make good on my campaign promises. And thank the entire student body for the support."

"When I found out I was elected the next SGA president it was one of the happiest moments of my life," Russo explained. "I really care about the students of this campus and want to see this college succeed."

Russo's journey to the presidency has been anything

but ordinary.

"The past year has been a year of unexpected opportunity," said Russo. "I got a call over the summer saying that I should consider running for the residential, non-traditional, and commuter affairs vice president."

"Then in January, I was asked if I was interested in taking over the position of financial controller," said Russo.

The sophomore atmospheric science major first got involved in the SGA in the



President-elect Nick Russo laying out The Critic's sports page.

second semester of his freshman year when he was asked to be the club representative for The Critic.

After accepting the position of sports editor at The Critic and agreeing to be the

rep once again he was appointed by the current executive board to serve on the cabinet as the vice president of residential, non-traditional, and commuter affairs.

Once Miranda Bushey stepped down at the

end of the fall semester as the financial controller, the executive board once again looked towards Russo. He was approved by the business department and started the job in mid-February. In the time

since, he has straightened out the books and each club is now up to date on its finances.

Russo launched his campaign in late March, weeks after junior Dave Daly announced he would be running.

"I knew Dave (Daly) had a lot of supporters, and I had to campaign hard for votes, so I knocked on every door of every residence hall," he said of his campaign.

Russo hails from Norwell, Mass. And is concentrating in broadcast meteorology at Lyndon. He is also currently serving as a resident assistant this year.

"I am relieved the campaign is over, but really excited to get to work next year and continue my work as financial controller for the next few weeks," he added.

Falling dollar leads to more foreign students

Jason Zheng
News Correspondent

China has passed India as the top sender of foreign students to the United States, and a weaker dollar may be one of the reasons.

According to the U.S. International Education Exchange Association, of all the foreign students studying in America, about 20 percent come from China.

Chinese students welcome the trend of the RMB (Chinese currency) exchange rate.

"I'm happy that RMB is rising against the U.S. dollar, because it will be less of a burden for me to study in America," said Yanling Lin, a junior systems engineering and engineering management major from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She is now an exchange student studying in Pennsylvania

State University at University Park for one semester.

However, RMB's appreciation is not the primary reason for students' choice to study in the U.S.

"I come to study here because I would have a new experience. RMB's appreciation has some influence on me. I feel lucky, but its influence is limited," Lin adds.

In 2005, China began its RMB exchange rate reform, since then, RMB has appreciated more than 20 percent against the U.S. dollar.

In 2005, one U.S. dollar equaled about 8.2 yuan (Chinese monetary unit), but now one dollar equals nearly 6.5 yuan. A student spending \$30,000 each year - about 195,000 yuan in Chinese

currency— would spend 246,000 yuan six years ago. The difference of nearly 50,000 yuan is more than a common worker's annual salary. But to these changes, Chinese students have their opinions.

"I think to the students who had planned to study in the U.S., RMB's appreciation is a good news to them, but even RMB depreciates, they would also insist their decisions," said Weiping Shao, a junior international journalism major in the Communication University of China. She is planning to study in America as a graduate student.

Nowadays, RMB keeps depreciating against the Canadian dollar, but also many Chinese students still chose to study in Canada.

"For me, I pay attention to the quality of school and the major I'm interested. I don't care much about money," said Rong Chen, a freshman commerce major in Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada. "Having a chance of being able to study abroad will make me more competitive. Money is a big issue, but even if RMB appreciates more to some foreign currency, poor people are still poor, so it's not that important."

As the U.S. further relaxed the student visa rules for Chinese students after President Barack Obama visited China in 2009 and China's economy continues booming, the number of Chinese students choosing to study in the U.S. keeps increasing.

Chancellor

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"I think by bringing in someone new, we're all going to start at the same place and we're not going to have that history," said education professor Ernie Broadwater. "I'd certainly look forward to bringing in a new person to help us through this."

Professor Alexandre Stokanov of the social sciences department disagreed with that idea.

"If it divides us now, I

don't think we'll win this as a faculty altogether," he said. "These people [current administrators] know where the college is and where we're moving."

The faculty assembly voted to send a list of its requested characteristics to the Chancellor, including the interim not be a current administrator, however this does not mean the suggestions must be followed during the search.

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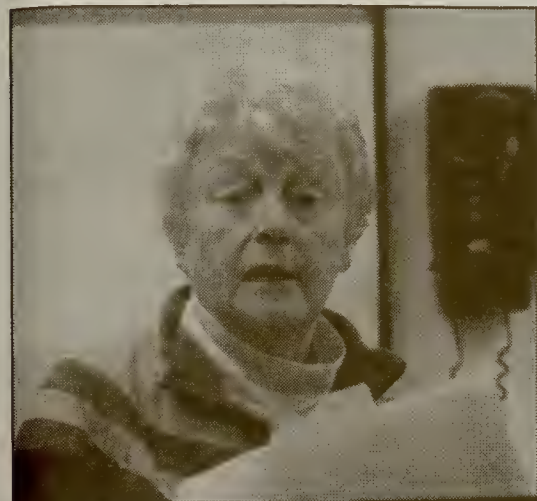


Photo by Eric Wayne
President Moore speaks at a recent SGA meeting.

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Lyndon has undergone many changes since Moore began her term as president. The physical plant has seen numerous renovations, including the recent overhaul of Harvey Academic Center, new Student Activities and Leadership Center and lounge area, and bathrooms in some of the Stonehenge residence halls.

The addition of the Academic and Student Activities (ASAC) building is among the "most important physical changes," says Moore. "It really upgrades the appearance of the campus and creates a better learning environment."

The Rita Bole Complex, constructed in 2005, was an addition to the residence halls to accommodate the growth of the students.

Academic programs have seen growth and change too. The General Education Units (GEUs) students currently enrolled at LSC follow were the same when Moore began, but will see changes from the faculty for the next year. Programs such as the music business and industry department were added to LSC during Moore's tenure, just one of the seven or eight new programs Moore remembers being added to the curriculum.

"To have a successful college, the main in-

gredient has to be new programs," Moore says, referring to the up and coming criminal justice major that has already generated student interest.

Personnel are an area that changes year to year, and that rang true for Moore's term here, too. Of all the deans who worked at LSC when Moore started, Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton is the only one remaining. Darcie Miles, executive assistant to the president, didn't join the LSC team until about seven years ago, Moore recalls, when previous executive assistant Janet Charron retired. Charron had worked for the college for over 30 years as the executive assistant for numerous LSC presidents.

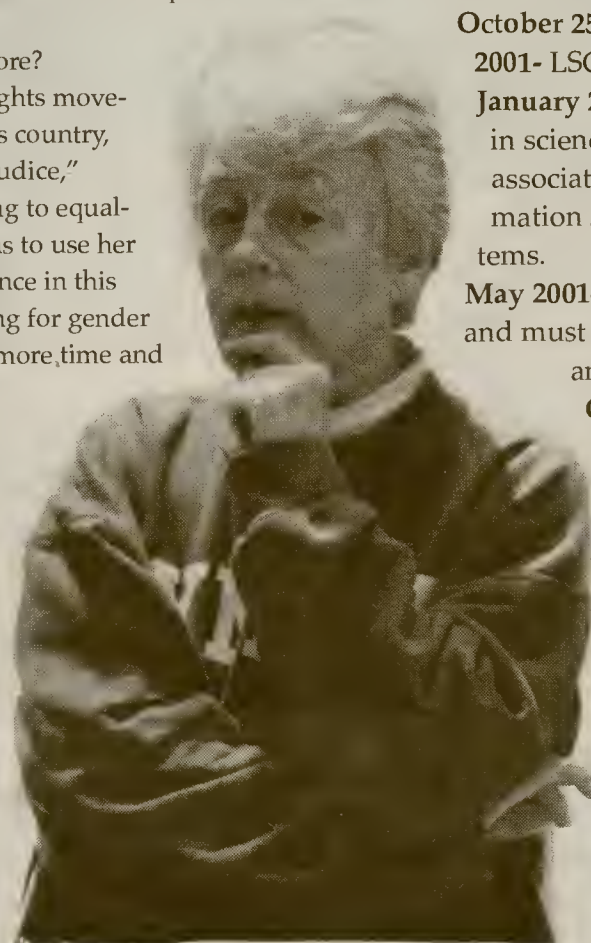
What's next for Moore?

"Despite the civil rights movements we've seen in this country, there is still a lot of prejudice," Moore explains, referring to equality for women. She plans to use her knowledge and experience in this field to continue working for gender equality and spending more time and attention in this area.

Moore has been a part of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) for a while, and she would like to continue to work with them in regards to student success and student access to college.

What will Moore miss most when she leaves?

"That's easy," she says, "I'm going to miss the students. You all are great."



LSC's evolution under Dr. Carol Moore

March 1998- Carol Moore is named a finalist for the presidency and visits campus from March 24-26.

May 1998- Dr. Carol A. Moore is named the 13th President of Lyndon State College, with enrollment at approximately 1,120.

1998- LSC faces an \$800,000 deficit. President Moore approves reduction in academic support positions. Four full-time professors retire; their positions are not filled. President Moore creates a new position, dean of enrollment, to help offset drop in numbers.

March 1999- English, computer science, and social science denied request for new faculty.

October 25, 2000- NEASC visit.

2001- LSC Celebrates 90 years

January 2001- LSC begins to offer associate in science in interactive digital media, and associate in science in geographic information systems/global positioning systems.

May 2001- LSC receives full accreditation and must file follow-up reports in 2003, 2005 and NEASC visit in 2010.

October 2001- Enrollment at a high of 1,239.

March 2002- Lyndon Rescue and Brown House renovated.

Dec 2002- Athletic training program eliminated.

2002- Dr. Moore applies for presidency at Fitchburg State College.

March 2003- Fitness Center project costs about \$250,000.

2003- Two-year accreditation report submitted.

April 2003- Dr. Moore named finalist for Fitchburg presidency.

Oct. 2003- Hornet's Nest renovated and reopened.

2003- Science wing renovated.

2003- Enrollment increased to 1,427.

2004- TVS department wins Emmy.

2004- Current Academic Dean Donna Dalton arrives.

June 2004- Rita Bole Complex construction begins.

2004- Exercise science department revamped.

Sept. 2006- Dr. Moore withdraws name from presidency opening at Framingham State College. Vows to stay until centennial celebration.

Fall 2007- Music Business and Industry major introduced.

Fall 2010- Exercise Science department becomes one of 24 programs in the country to receive CAAHEP accreditation. Lyndon becomes one of just five programs to become both recognized by the National Strength and conditioning association and CAAHEP accredited.

2009- Meteorology turns into atmospheric sciences.

Jan. 2010- TVS turns into EJA. Vermont Center of Community Journalism is launched.

Sept. 2009- ASAC opens.

Sept. 2009 Enrollment at a high.

June 2010: Harvey Academic Center renovated.

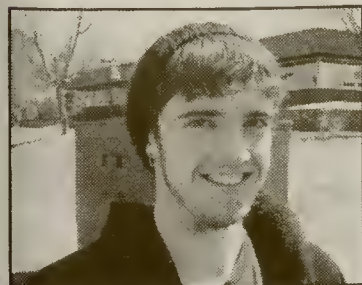
Sept. 2010: Criminal Justice approved as a major

Sept. 2010: Rock wall built in old squash court in SHAPE facility.

Oct. 2010: NEASC team visits campus.

April 2011: Lyndon awarded reaccreditation and will file a three-year and five-year report.

April 2011- Dr. Moore announces retirement.



Sean McCormick Freshman
MBI major
"This is the first I heard about this. I'm glad she's not letting her running the school get in the way of her family stuff."



Jonathan Kennedy, Junior
social sciences major
"I'm a little bit surprised, but in my opinion there's something fishy about the whole thing. She could have been forced out."

What was
your
reaction to
President
Moore's
retirement
announcement?



Elizabeth Tschorn, Freshman
explorations major
"She's only doing what a lot of people wanted her to do. She broke under the pressure, like with all the protests and stuff."



Chase Compton, Senior
graphic design major
"It's not surprising to me. She wouldn't be resigning if it wasn't for the current situation the school is in."

Easter isn't just a religious holiday

Dear Editor,

Sunday, April 24 is a special day in many people's calendar, but especially those with Irish heritage.

For those who do not know, April 24 will mark the 95th anniversary of the Easter Rising of 1916, which lasted from April 24 to April 30 of that year.

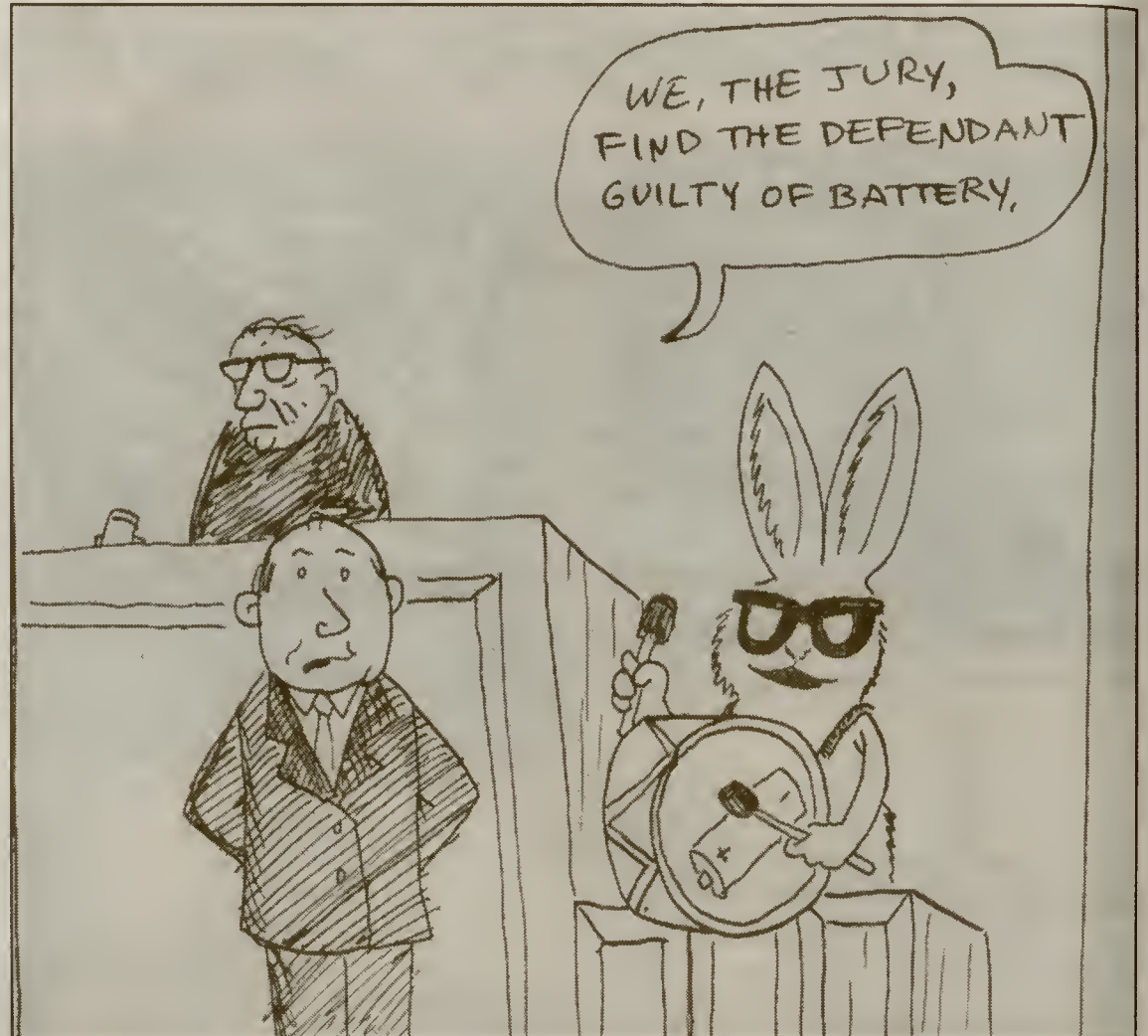
On that day, hundreds of Irish rebels from the Irish Republican Brotherhood and the Irish Citizen Army stormed and captured several buildings in the Dublin City area (most notably the General Post Office). Originally created over the postponement of the Home Rule Bill (which would have granted Ireland limited autonomy from Britain), the Easter Rising was meant to lead the Irish population in a rebellion against the British—who were involved in World War One at the time—that had been controlling them for over seven hundred years.

Unfortunately for the rebels, the rest of Ireland did not follow them with the desire to rebel, and the Easter Rising was quickly crushed. This seemed like the end of

any rebellion against the British, right? No, this was far from the truth. Unfortunately for the British, they turned the Irish population against them when they executed the surviving leaders of the Easter Rising—most notably among them Patrick Pearse and James Connolly.

After World War One, this resentment against the British would lead to the Irish War of Independence, while would create the Irish Free State, the first step in having true freedom in Ireland—although the situation in Northern Ireland is a very different story. The point that I am trying to establish is that the Easter Rising is what really started the road to Ireland's freedom in the Twentieth Century. It does not matter if you love history or not, but every Irish-American (or if you just like the Irish) on this campus should think about this event that occurred 95 years ago come this Sunday. My hope is at least that someone will now think about Easter in more than just its religious aspect.

-Ian Sullivan
Junior, Social Sciences



Comic by Adam Whittier

Thank you to the physical plant staff

Dear Editor:

I don't know whether anyone has done this before, and I would be very glad if they did, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank the physical plant staff sincerely for what they do for us every single day.

I realize how thankless and demanding this job can be sometimes, as I have done it in the past too. However, that is already beside the point. What I wanted to do was simply thank the people of the housekeeping staff for their dedication to this col-

lege, its people and its goals.

They are responsible for all the messes we make, all the carelessness of the students and beyond, and everything else in between. The biggest examples of the physical plant's steadfast determination could be seen in the winters particularly, especially the one that just passed. When the snow piled up, who came out to clear it out in a matter of hours? They did. Who braved the snow to show up to our dorms and make sure everything was clean and looking great before most of our lazy selves got

up? They did.

So with that said, I again would like to say "thank you." Without you, life would be impossible here, and many of us have seen the ridiculous acts of sabotage students can demonstrate to make your lives more difficult. Therefore, I envy the patience and positive attitude you guys ex-hume every single day. I know I would have lost my cool a long time ago if I was in your place. Thank you.

-Armin Delic
Junior

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LSC to harvest the sun, reduce energy costs

Sean Siciliano

News Correspondent

Solar panels are coming to Lyndon State College to help add power to the campus.

With a grant that the college received from the Department of Energy through Bernie Sanders, the college will be putting in a five-kilowatt solar array.

The panels will go between the alumni house and the tennis courts. This system will not directly power anything by itself but it will add to power for the college, so that it can help offset the electrical load the college.

The panels are 25 ft. by 15 ft. and the amount of energy is enough to power a normal-sized house.

The installation of this system is a learning experience, not for the installer or the company but for the students. Students are going to be helping to put it in and learning how these systems

operate hands-on.

"We planned on having this in place this semester but it is taking longer than planned because of the permits," Ben Luce, a professor in the environmental science department said.

The panel installation may be pushed another semester so that students can help put in and learn from the experience.

Despite the delay, the solar panels and the other components should be here within the next week.

Brian Stone, a sophomore in an energy, environment and society class, is looking forward to being a part of the experience.

"It is cool that after learning about all the different ways to save energy I can actually put into use and see how these things work," he said.

This system will be pole-mounted and will have the ability to be manually tilted during the different seasons,

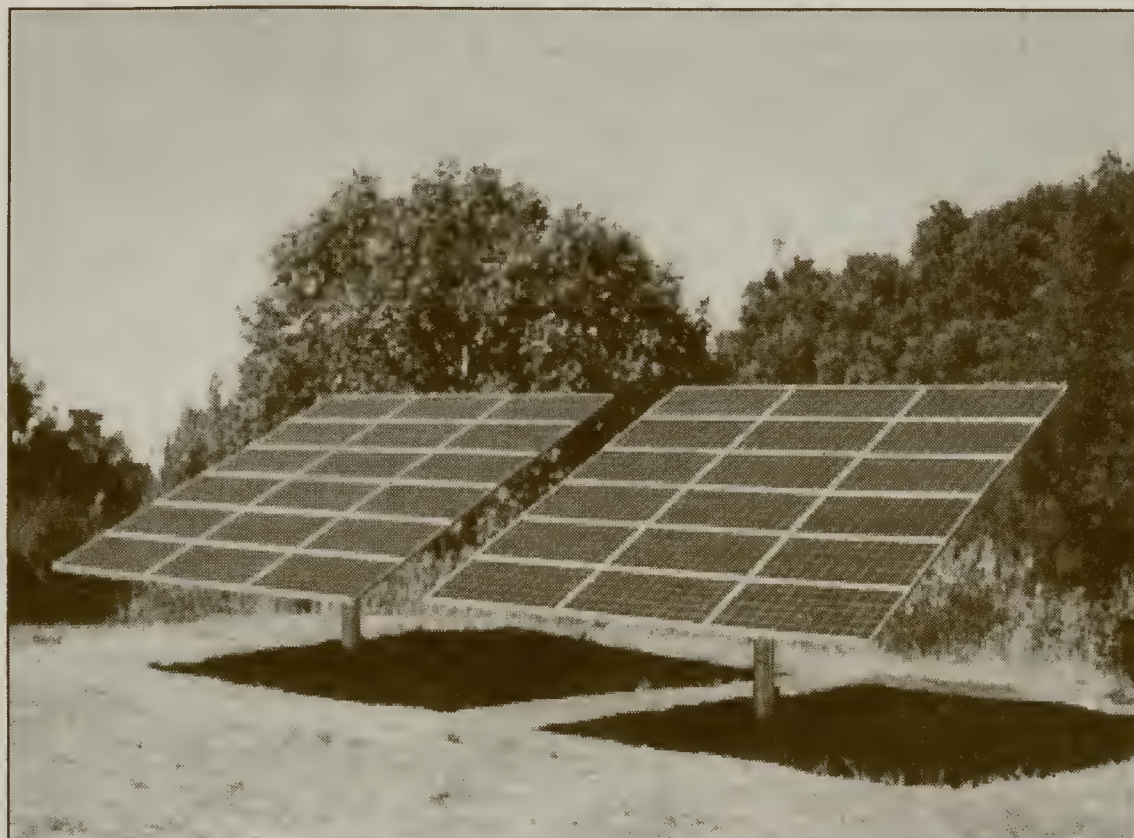


Photo courtesy of Ben Luce

The array that Lyndon is putting in looks like this which is a 5-kilowatt system.

known as the seasonal tilt system. The panels are going to be monitored and maintained by the students to make sure that they are producing the

maximum amount of energy that they.

Additionally, LSC is in the early stages of a wood chip heating system. This system

would cut down on the oil consumption all over campus. Another money-saving possibility is a large solar hot water system for the pool.

Fitness center stays sanitary after workouts

Julianne Walshaw

News Correspondent

Have you ever been in the fitness center putting away a floor mat after a hard, sweaty workout and thought to yourself "man, I feel sorry for the guy who uses this mat next" and then start to wonder who had it before you? What about before them?

How many people will have lain on that one floor mat before it is sanitized?

"I don't know, they probably clean the mats once a

week or so. They never seem too disgusting," freshman business major Dylan Rediker said. "Bacteria doesn't really cross my mind a lot; it's one of those out of sight out of mind things."

The mats, and much of the other gym equipment, such as benches and free weights, to treadmills and yoga balls, are cleaned daily by on-duty staff members. If the equipment wasn't sanitized often and thoroughly, dangerous and even life-threatening bacteria could

spread to a number of gym-goers.

Staphylococcus, the bacteria responsible for staph infections, usually exists on skin and mucus membranes, making it easily transferable to gym equipment and eventually to new skin. The only way to prevent a staph infection is to wipe down any equipment your skin touches with disinfectant.

Fitness faculty staff member and junior exercise science major, Alex Daigle says that the school supplies the gym

with bleach and other disinfectant materials. Being kept in two spray bottles on the front desk is Lyndon State College's own mixture of sanitizing spray with a printed-out label of ingredients, including water, hydrogen oxide, di-hydrogen oxide, and Joy dishwashing liquid. These bottles are for the use of anyone who wants to wipe down equipment before or after exercising.

"We keep an eye out," says Daigle. "If we see that someone is done with some-

thing and just walks away we do a quick wipe down. We want everyone to feel comfortable."

Daigle pointed out a complete chart of the gym's to-do-list for every day the gym is open, where every piece of equipment is scheduled to be sanitized.

"We're supposed to treat this like a real job, and take it seriously. Our professors come in and routinely check our work," Daigle said. "We really do a good job here."

Smoking policy to be more heavily enforced

Erica Ponte

News Correspondent

While smoking cigarettes is completely legal at the college, finding a place to smoke is becoming more and more difficult to do. Public Safety will be cracking down on illegal smoking on campus.

Students, faculty, and guests of the college are allowed to smoke in the parking lots only, preferably at designated areas, such as the "Butt Hut", but lately but-tons are being pushed and lines are being crossed.

Many students have found a smoking spot outside the dining hall which is on campus and not a designated smoking area.

Smoking outside of the dining hall hasn't always been a problem, so why

now? "Enforcement works. It isn't fun. Nobody likes to do it; we don't like to do it, but it works," said George Hacking, director of public safety. "It's not like they don't know the rules. They need to have a little respect for the school."

The protocol for being caught smoking on campus will generally be followed up with Resident Hall Director Erin Rossetti.

"There isn't really one answer to what occurs, because every situation is different. In general students can be given verbal or written warnings or have a request for a formal hearing. The 'punishment' that they receive can vary from student to student as well," Rossetti said.

When the Stonehenge parking lot gets recon-

structed this summer, the "Butt Hut" may be moved to the other side of the parking lot where the basketball courts are currently located.

This way, those people walking from the parking lot, past the Butt Hut, to the residence halls do not have to walk through the smoke if they don't want to.

Although it will still be in the same parking lot, it will be a little longer distance to walk. Frequent smoker Karen Byrne is opposed to the move.

"I understand, but at the same time, why can't they expand the parking lot and leave the butt hut where it is," she said. "Safety is a concern to me; I don't want to walk through the parking lot where cars are driving to go smoke."

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APRIL 16

Can I see some I.D.?

Underage drinking

Poland

APRIL 18

Why can't we be friends?

Threatening/endangering be-

havior

Off-campus

APRIL 18

That was one heart-stopping performance!

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Bowlers enjoying themselves at Gold Crown Lanes in Saint Johnsbury, Vt. Photo by Mike Michaud

Bowlers' delight

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

The Northeast Kingdom is not the most entertaining area to reside. LSC students are constantly looking for something fun to do to provide some sort of stress relief. What better way to kill off some stress than to toss a ball at a bunch of helpless pins?

Gold Crown Lanes in St. Johnsbury is the closest bowling alley to the college. Although it does not currently offer any specials specific to college students, the rates are fairly cheap. For just \$8, you can bowl two games, with shoe rentals included in the price.

Gold Crown features 16 lanes and supplies everything you need to have a good time. It even has a bar for those students of age who care to have a drink. Also equipped with a selection of video game machines, and other entertainment, it is certainly a place to consider when looking for something to do.

If you are looking for a group to bowl with, look no further. The Lyndon Strikers are a college club that feed off of this hobby. On Monday nights at 9 p.m. you will find the Strikers filling up Gold Crown Lanes. The club's 72-person roster averages around

35 participants per week and is always welcoming to newcomers. Not a bad group to bowl with, huh?

Anyone who chooses to participate can join at any time. For \$6 students with the Strikers will get to bowl two games, with shoes included.

"It's lots of fun, very loud, and there's lots of cheering," said club president Mike Michaud.

The club plays weekly games for fun, and each semester it holds a tournament for bragging rights. There are still two weeks of bowling left for those who want to sample the environment before next year. The Strikers will meet at 7 p.m. for the next two Mondays.

For those interested in bowling on your own time, Gold Crown has specific "open bowl" times for people to come in. From April 5 to May 1, the lane offers open bowling Monday through Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Friday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 10:30 p.m. Earlier hours are available on Tuesday (1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and Wednesday (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Beginning May 2, Gold Crown's summer schedule begins featuring longer open bowling hours.



Bowlers watch in anticipation, waiting for their turn to get a strike. Photo by Mike Michaud

Eating with Em: Mish Mash



Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

This recipe is one I made up when my sister was pregnant and was following strict dietary restrictions. I had no idea what to make her and ended up creating Mish Mash.

My entire family loved it so much that they made me write it down on a recipe card before I could even finish my meal so that I would not forget it. This recipe could be made in your apartment if you have a stove or perhaps in a few weeks when you go home for your own family. Either way it's a really healthy main course dish that is unique as well.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Mish Mash

Ingredients:

1 lb ground turkey
1/2 cup- 1 cup snow peas
1/4 cup onion
1 tsp garlic
1/2 tsp oregano
1/2 bag frozen corn or can
1/4 cup cherry tomatoes
1/2 cup bella mushrooms
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 package cream cheese
2 cans cream of mushroom
1 cup milk
1/2 stick butter
1 cup baby carrots
1LB of elbow pasta

Instructions:

1. Cook vinegar, spices and bella mushrooms on medium heat till well absorbed, then follow step 4.
2. Bring a medium pot of water to a boil, add pasta and cook for 8-10 minutes or until al dente.
3. Brown meat in a frying pan until thoroughly cooked
4. Add vegetables all except carrots and tomatoes to mushroom mix.
5. Bring a pot of water and carrots to a boil covered

and cook for about 10 minutes or until soft.

6. Add tomatoes into the mushroom mix and cook.

7. Mix all ingredients into a big bowl and eat and enjoy.

Nutritional Aspect

Ground turkey is a leaner protein than most, vegetables are loaded with vitamins and minerals, the fresher the better, opposed to canned or frozen. Spices don't just are flavor to your food but it is also good for you. Oregano for example is a great source for Dietary Fiber, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Calcium, Iron and a few others; a serving size is just 1 tsp. Next time you choose to use spices in your food know that it will enhance your meals as well as health.

If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lsc.vsc.edu.

Red Box Rental Review:

"Inception" will have your mind both entertained and thinking

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

We dream every night, most of these dreams we do not remember, but there could be people in those dreams extracting subconscious information way beyond our control. Luckily this technology is not present in real life, but if it was, who knows what may happen.

It seems so lucid, but are you really there or is this just a dream? For your sake you better hope you don't have some piece of information inside your mind that others want. This mind twisting masterpiece of a movie is a must see.

This movie is more than meets the eye, it causes the viewer to think, problem-solve and second guess themselves. From start to finish Leonardo DiCaprio, playing a professional extractor named Dom Cobb, has the viewer guessing what will happen next as he digs deeper into each level of the minds he enters.

This film is action packed and will have you on the edge of your seat trying to figure out what level of the mind the extraction team is in and how they are going to fight through ones mental security.

Our minds are tricky things and this movie will be playing with your mind from start to finish. If you are looking for a great movie that will thrill you and give you one heck of an action packed ex-

perience, rent this one today.

I will warn you though, you may have to watch this film twice to truly understand it, but it is well worth it. If you are looking for a truly mind mesmerizing movie experience, rent, enjoy and yes, you will have to return it eventually. I rate this movie 4.5 out of 5.

If you have a Blu-Ray player I highly suggest that you spend the extra 50 cents and rent it this way. The improved visuals and the sound are well worth it. Just a little extra sure goes a long way.



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Blood Brothers share sensation with crowd



Emilie Lariviere

Entertainment Editor

Blood Brothers is not your typical light-hearted Lyndon State musical: it's dramatic.

It has passion, emotion, and pain. It keeps your interest and makes you almost hurt for the characters, wanting to know what will happen next.

This play will be at the Alexander Twilight Theatre tonight at 7 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. and a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Noah Fink, senior English major, plays Mickey, one of the brothers.

"It's a traumatic play. People will fall in love with the characters. The songs are great, even if you're not a fan of musicals. Every single character grows; the play has a lot for everybody," Fink said.

The introduction is very slow, soft and quiet with music and singing in the background as well as a slideshow, and this really helps set the mood. There is then an introduction song sung by Caitlin Kolson, a senior music business major. This song explains the story line of the play.

Blood Brothers was written by Willy Russell and pre-

miered in 1983. The play takes place in the 1930s and 40s in Liverpool, and then moves to Skelmersdale later in the play. It is directed by Gianna Fregosi.

Kolson plays Mrs. Johnstone and has loved this play, but it has been a bittersweet time for her as this will be her last play at LSC since she is graduating.

"Everyone has worked really hard on this play, at least 3-4 hours every night if not more for everyone. The tech crew has worked the last two weeks all day straight every day to prepare for this play," Kolson said.

The orchestra is backstage

but should not be forgotten. It consists of a keyboard, trumpet, electric guitar and percussion. Jeff Stevens, who played the percussion, loved the experience.

"I got recruited to help with this play. It has meant a lot to meet new people, to be comfortable in my own skin and see others in what they do best and what I do best," Stevens said.

Blood Brothers is a performance that has something for everyone. It has different accents, culture, and time period.

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Sunday at 7 p.m.



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Photos by Emilie Lariviere
Top picture from left to right, Noah Fink, Jennifer Morin, Sarah Warren, Chas Legge and Owen Fogg. This picture is during a fight that the children were having. Bottom left picture from left to right: Dan Haycook, Owen Fogg and Noah Fink and picture on bottom right from left to right: Noah Fink and Caitlin Kolson.

Snow much for home field advantage

Ed Horan
News Correspondent

As a spring sport, men's lacrosse was scheduled for four home games. Baseball was scheduled for eleven games on Skip Pound field, including a double header versus Norwich and a four game series to round out the season with Castleton. Softball was scheduled for eight games. Finally, men's tennis is supposed to have five matches at Dudley Bell Court.

To date, seven of eleven home games have been changed to out-of-area games or postponed for the baseball team. Softball was only able to play two home games in this 2011 season. Tennis had two matches cancelled. Unfortunately for the lacrosse players, they will not have a single home game in their 2011 campaign. All teams have these games changed due to poor field conditions. In fact, the lacrosse team has yet to even see the field for a practice.



Photo by Sam Monroe

Freshman Meghan Gadapee throws a pitch on Skip Pound Field, a sight that had not been seen until Thursday. Understandably, this is the snow can be obnoxious. Scheduling for athletic teams' home games usually comes

later in the spring after the fields have thawed. Even though home games usually happen in April and May, games still have been moved and fields are not ready to be played on.

Not every athlete is upset about the delay or movement of home games. Men's tennis' Michael Howard thinks this isn't even that bad.

"Well although it's still cold out, it's nice to hit indoors without any wind that affects the play, but I enjoy it more because as a team we're able to bond on the road which makes our doubles game that much better," he said.

Not everyone is so happy. Senior captain of the home-game-less men's lacrosse team Chris Mansour said, "I really don't know who makes the schedule or how they do it but something needs to change".

Mansour went on to say if he thinks there should be more home games for them next year because of the lack

of games in Lyndon this year.

"Absolutely, and more efforts should be made to clear the field, the field was snow blown four days before our game," said Mansour.

Does this mean more home games for postponed or moved games will still be scheduled for this season or added to next year? The NCAA Division III manual and handbook says nothing about a mandatory amount of home field games for any team sports. We have yet to see what will come of all these cancellations of home games.

Certainly, a majority of students would like to see the Hornets of Lyndon take on the likes of Castleton and Johnson State at home, as shown by the outpouring of support for our Soccer team in the playoffs. Only time and a new academic year will tell if our teams will be compensated for the lack of home games or if it will just be the same as this snowy year.

Baseball still alive in NAC playoff hunt

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

It is hard to think baseball when it's still snowing, but the LSC baseball team has been in the swing of things for some time now.

With a 3-9 conference record (6-17 overall), the Hornets are not exactly where they want to be, but are still in playoff contention.

The Hornets entered the 2011 season with a very young

squad, and the majority of the players are either freshmen or sophomores.

With young teams such as this one, it takes more time to shake out all the nerves and get into a rhythm. Over the last few weeks the team seems to be getting more comfortable with their respective roles.

"Players have stepped up lately," said team captain Shane O'Donnell. "Our team has really grown in maturity."

Baseball is not an easy game to master. As the great Yogi Berra once said, "Baseball is 90 percent mental, the other half is physical."

This seems to sum up the Hornets' season-to-date nicely. It's not the skill that is holding them back, but the mental adjustments needed that come with being a young team. One area the club is not lacking in is morale.

"We have a great group of guys," said O'Donnell. "We

all get along well."

As for the aspects of the game itself, one area the Hornets have excelled in is pitching.

"Pitching has been great," said head coach Ryan Farley. "It has kept us in a lot of close, competitive games."

This is good for the team's potential future. Although the Hornets' offense has been a concern this season, the bats seem to be coming alive down the stretch.

"We need to have more aggressive at bats," said the Hornets' coach. "We need to be sharp with our pitch selection, and be able to hit with two strikes."

Farley, entering his eighth season as head coach, seems to have a clear vision of what the team needs to do in order to win games. He spoke of the importance of fundamentals and specifically on defense, "making the routine plays".

As the regular season draws to a close, the Hornets will cap it off against in-state rival Castleton. Castleton has been one of the premier teams this season, and Lyndon will need to steal at least one of four games to have a good shot at playoffs.

With hopes of postseason still alive, the Hornets could be a scary team to face down the stretch. A young team that peaks at the right time is always dangerous to face in a big game. If the underestimated Hornets can retain confidence and keep the bats crackin', they may have the ingredients to make a run for the title.

Assuming weather cooperates, the team will play Castleton twice on Friday the 22nd, and twice again on Saturday the 23rd at Skip Pound Field. Come support our Hornets this weekend as they battle to stay alive in the first home games of the season.

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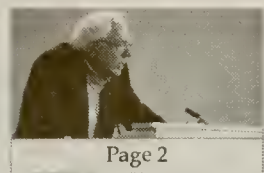
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Ski and ride granted \$10,000

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

The Student Government Association granted \$18,930 in club requests in its final meeting of the year, including \$10,000 to the ski and ride club to build a neveplast ski and snowboard surface to allow year-round activities.

"It creates opportunity for Lyndon," said Dave Johnson, representative of Ski and Ride. "We believe that when kids come here, this is going to add another awesome thing to campus."

Several members of the club came to Wednesday night's meeting in support of the proposed project. According to Johnson and club President Sam Pierog, a college in Virginia is the only place in the country to offer year-round skiing.

While many representatives believed this to be a good idea for an addition to the campus, some were concerned about the planning committee needing to approve it.

The motion to approve the request, made by Student Investment Group representative Andrew Chapin, was approved in a close vote by the body with 20 yes and 19 no.

Another major funding

request came in the form of executive board compensation. This has been a hot topic in the past with representatives, with Vice President of Communications Justin Chenette vocally against compensation.

"I attribute this to soup kitchen volunteering. I volunteer at a soup kitchen and then two months later oh, I work hard, therefore I deserve a check," he said, adding, "The compensation is in the experience, not a check."

Despite Chenette's opinions, the SGA voted 25 to 16 to give \$1,000, the maximum amount allowable, to President John Kleinhans, \$1,000 to Executive Vice President Rachel Keller, and \$500 to finance controller Nick Russo. In order to receive the compensation, each executive board member had to submit a letter of intent to adviser Shannon Healy and Jonathan Davis, associate dean of student affairs. They both decide what an appropriate amount to present to the SGA is, and the SGA can then vote to amend the amounts, choose not to give any compensation, or accept the suggestion.

Associate Dean Davis and Adventure Program Director Jamie Struck

Final Farewell



Executive Vice President Rachel Keller presents President Carol Moore with a framed photo of the Student Government Association as a parting gift.

Photo by Eric Wayne

requested \$4,000, which the SGA approved, to renovate the basement of the Harvey Academic Center to allow for bike, ski, and snowboard storage for students. The entire project will cost \$4,950.

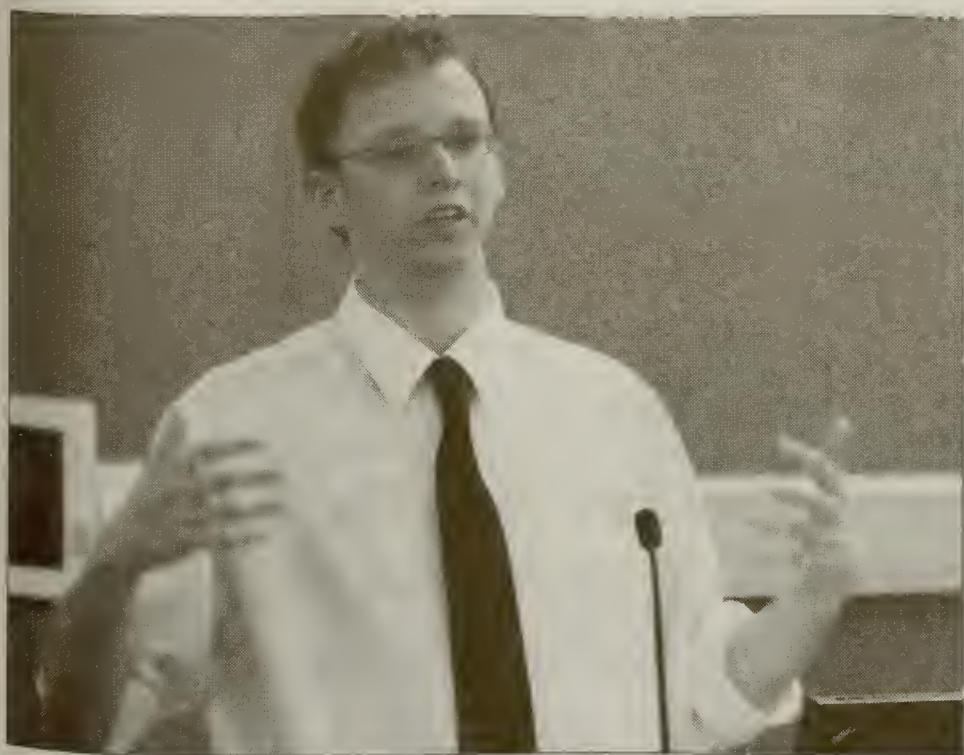
WWLR received \$500 for a disc jockey for its annual drag ball, as well as up to \$1000 for a new automation

computer, and The Critic received \$680 for printing costs. Alpha Lambda Delta was granted \$250 for a relay for life team.

LSC President Carol Moore addressed the SGA at the beginning of the meeting to say thank you for the leadership that it has exhibited.

"I have been inspired by students," she said, adding that although she has worked at four other colleges, "The Lyndon students are just a little bit more special."

The SGA also voted to approve changes to the constitution, which will now be voted on by the student body.



President John Kleinhans speaks at the last SGA meeting of the year.

Photo by Eric Wayne

Kleinhans elected to VSC

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

For the second straight year a Lyndon State student will be serving on the Vermont State College Board of Trustees as the student representative.

John Kleinhans, the outgoing Student Government Association president, was elected Thursday afternoon to take Tim Cappalli's seat as the student trustee for the VSC board of trustees, as well as the chair for the VSC student association.

Cappalli is a senior in the electronic journalism arts department and will graduate in May.

Kleinhans is a junior in the electronic arts department. He has been involved in the SGA since his freshman year. He served as a first year rep, then as the secretary

before running a campaign for the president's seat.

Kleinhans ran against students from Vermont Tech College, Johnson State, and Castleton State.

"I ran because I had an incredible time being the student body president at Lyndon and I wanted to be a representative for all students for the Vermont State College system," said Kleinhans.

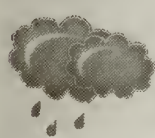
Kleinhans recently ran for a national position with the College Republicans. He also serves on the developmental review board in the town of Lyndon.

On Wednesday, Klienans said good-bye to the SGA.

"It's been a tremendous experience," said Kleinhans during his last meeting. "Without you guys, I would be nothing."

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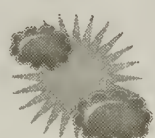
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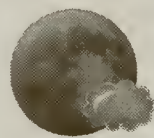
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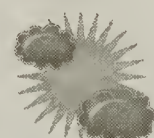
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► Mostly clear overnight.

Sunday:



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► Partly cloudy throughout the day.

Sanders tells LSC plan to fix economy

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

Sen. Bernie Sanders wants to fix a broken political system controlled by money.

Sanders, who is the longest serving Independent in the history of the U.S. Congress, visited LSC Tuesday to discuss the state of U.S. politics as well as answer questions from students.

"We are living in an extraordinarily important political moment in the history of our country," said Sanders. "I can't predict to you the direction in which we'll go, but the ideological debate taking place in Washington right now is, perhaps, unprecedented, certainly in the modern history of this country."

The biggest issue facing the country economically, from Sanders' point of view, is the decline of the middle class. He says this and the outsourcing of jobs have led to a weaker U.S. infrastructure.

"The last 10 years, for example, we have lost some 50,000 factories in America that produce the products that we purchase and that supply millions of jobs in our country," said Sanders. "Median family income down by

\$2,500 in the last 10 years, millions of people working longer hours for lower wages, childhood poverty going up. We have the highest rate of childhood poverty of any major country on earth."

The wealth disparity between the richest citizens and the rest of the country is one reason Sanders gave for the decline of the middle class.

"The top one percent today earn more income than the bottom 50 percent," Sanders said. "The top 400 individuals in this country own as much wealth as the bottom 150 million Americans."

He listed off ways to fix this problem and pay for universal health care, as well as investing in education so that students do not leave college with a large debt, by taxing that top one percent more, eliminating tax breaks for big corporations, who pay little or no federal income tax, and cutting military spending.

He was asked about the possibility of not raising the debt ceiling, causing the U.S. to default on some of its outstanding loans, something Republicans have said they would allow to happen if cuts are not made to entitlements like Social Security and



Photo by Sam Monroe

Senator Bernie Sanders addresses students, faculty, and staff in ASAC 100 to discuss political issues.

Medicare. Sanders thinks it should be raised in order to avert a global crisis, but is willing to call Republicans out and not give in to their demands.

"It would say that the most powerful nation on Earth is no longer able to pay its debt," said Sanders of not

raising the debt ceiling. "This would be a huge international financial consequence. Republicans will tell you 'We're prepared to do that Mr. President unless you make major, major cuts in a whole lot of programs.' I think you got to call the republicans bluff. Otherwise we'll go down that

path of seeing devastating cuts on programs that many people depend upon. It's like a bully in the room that says 'Give me everything or I'm going to set fire to the room.' Well sometimes you have to say 'I'm sorry you're not going to do that.'"

Hackers attack NewsLINC, German IPs banned

Rachel Keller
Critic Staff

Germany is banned from LSC. Well, its IP addresses are, anyway.

Early last week, electronic journalism arts (EJA) professor Meaghan Meachem received a tip from a student looking through NewsLINC archives that something a little fishy might be going on. Once Meachem looked into it, it was clear that the site had been hacked.

Once the problem was brought to her attention, the site was immediately closed down so they could figure out what the issue was. A result was a handful of blocked IP address, and some IP ad-

resses from entire countries, like Germany, were blocked.

"Over 600,000 sites got infected," Meachem said. "We weren't targeted because of who or what we are, but just because we had an unfortunate '.net' ending."

Hackers had implanted data into NewsLINC stories (all over a year old) in which it clearly didn't belong. This data included links to websites that Meachem did not disclose.

"They were links to a variety of different things," she says. The problem is under control now, though not completely rid of; what used to be 30 or more links implanted in sites per day is now maybe one per day, says Meachem.

EJA senior Tim Cappalli was a big player in getting the problems fixed, and his work does not go unrecognized.

"I am more than appreciative of Tim's work," Meachem says. "Without him, it wouldn't have been so quick to fix."

Students who write for

NewsLINC are part of two practicum courses and are predominantly juniors and seniors who also work in News 7. The students worked on stories that weren't time sensitive so when the site was back up, they had something to put online. They also still

reported things like the weather on their Facebook page.

"It can happen to everybody," says Meachem, "it's important to not stop the work flow, and it was a learning moment for the group, to take it day by day."

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The Leadership Banquet was held Thursday to recognize student leaders on campus, as well as faculty and staff members. LSC Ski & Ride won both "Club of the Year" and "Student Activities Award." ALD won the SGA club "Community Service Award." Jamie Struck, adviser for Ski and Ride and the Outing club won "Adviser of the Year." Winners of the "LSC Promise Award": Lauren Turmel and Natalia Shams. Winners of the "Leadership Award": Sean Siciliano, Jeremiah Powell, and Nick Russo. Winners of the "Residents of the Year Award": C.J. Mauro and Jen Plecan. Winners of the "Citizenship Award": Sam Monroe and Torry Gaucher. Faculty and staff recognized at the event: Cheryl Goldrick, Deb Hale, and Adam Vigue.

Seasonal changes can affect mood

Peter Lipomi
News Correspondent

As spring weather slowly makes its way to the Northeast Kingdom, it brings a better morale to the barren winter campus.

Everyone on campus can notice the excitement around now that the sun is out and generating heat.

"When the sun is out, I feel more into going outside to do activities... the sun definitely makes you want to do

stuff," said sophomore Alex Potvin.

"Sun is an invigorating thing, it makes you active and social," said Kathy Gray, assistant professor in the practical nursing program.

During the winter months, students spend most of their time inside, not seeing sunlight for a long period of time. According to Gray, this makes us less interested in doing things and giving us a more passive view on life.

"Our body chemistry is

not meant to be inside, we have evolved to get more sun," Gray said. Gray encourages students to organize outdoor activities and motivate friends to get outdoors.

By exercising, our bodies make chemicals that naturally make us feel better and more upbeat. Vitamin D, used to convert calcium and many other things in our bodies, comes from our skin having contact with sunlight.

As the seasons change so drastically here at Lyndon, a

more consistent difference in personal ways of life can occur over the years. Seasonal Affective Disorder can be diagnosed to those who show symptoms.

"Everybody probably feels it, but that doesn't [mean you have] a disorder," said Penny Kimball, a licensed health and drug counselor at the Brown House.

More specific, a Season Pattern Specifier "co-occurs with a larger disorder ... [which] worsens depression within seasonal periods," according to Kimball. But there are many symptoms a patient must show before the specifier is diagnosed.

Feeling signs of depression in the long winter months with little sunlight is only the start of symptoms. As spring approaches, the patient will take part in outdoor activities to exercise, but these two sides of the coin are to the

extremes.

Hypersomnia (over-sleeping) and overeating are more ways people are affected by the low side of the Seasonal Pattern Specifier.

When the weather gets nicer from the winter months, patients will often exercise to a point where it is uncommon or even dangerous. Kimball used the example that one may kayak six to seven times a week, a bit much for the human body to take given the circumstances.

To be diagnosed with the specifier, a patient must show consistent signs of depression that remit seasonally for two years, according to Kimball. The signs must not be because of an everyday thing that can affect the way you feel for a short period of time.

Students explore different methods of studying for final exams

Jessica Walsh
News Correspondent

As finals week approaches, students should be prepared mentally and physically for the homestretch. The summer may be in sight, but you can't truly enjoy it until every test is taken and every paper is written.

It's easy to get stressed during finals, especially if you are cramming every night. It's really important to get plenty of sleep, even if that means skipping your daily afternoon nap and swapping it with studying in the library.

Although you may be reaching for a Red Bull or stopping at Dunkin' for a coffee, caffeine is actually not good for you, and can make

you even more stressed while at the same time, giving you a hard time falling asleep. A student's best bet is to study for a good solid hour, and then taking quick 5-10 minute breaks, this will help you stay focused and on task.

"I like studying in groups, other people are there to push me and not get so distracted," John Gallagher, a senior electronic journalism arts major said.

Students can ask some of their classmates to get together someplace to study for finals to go over all of the material. Most likely, there are other students in your class who don't understand the same material. Although this may work for some, some student's actually find it benefi-

cial to study alone.

"I am the type of person that needs to study alone. Study groups have always distracted me. If it is a class where I take a lot of notes, I rewrite the notes and read through them a bunch of times until I can thoroughly explain them myself without looking. If it is an exam with definitions I always rely on my handy-dandy note cards," said Alison Ciaramitaro, a senior atmospheric sciences major said, "The trick is to stay on top of your work all semester and go into the final with a solid grade so you truly don't have to worry. A little bit of effort goes a long way."

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Better understanding college administration

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Would you like to take a basic undergraduate course in college administration? Sorry. No college offers this training, but until one does, let's look at what such a course might include. College administration is an attractive field. Pay is much higher than what most professors earn. There are no nights and weekends grading papers. And then there is the pot of gold at the end of the career rainbow: the president's job.

Every college must have a president. At least that's what they say. So, no matter how bad the economy, the total number of jobs can only drop if colleges close their doors. Of course most college presi-

dents make less than the President of the United States, but a few make a lot more. And most get a nice house or apartment for the all-important function of entertaining important officials and wealthy donors. It means partying after normal working hours, but, hey, somebody has to do it.

Since there is no entry-level course in how to be a college president, we can best learn by observing what college presidents do. In the beginning, there are the interviews and the travel to the interviews. There is the uncertainty of it all. Even a small college may interview a hundred or more short-listed applicants. After all that effort you probably won't get the job. But, if you do, it will all

be worth it. Thirteen years ago, when Carol Moore landed the job at Lyndon, she must have experienced a big rush. Maybe that's why, even after one success, she kept her options open by considering and applying for similar jobs at two other colleges.

When most of us fail to win jobs we apply for, we experience rejection, but in the college president business, you simply withdraw your application. It's like that old joke. The boss says, "You're fired." You say, "You can't fire me; I quit."

Of course being a college president, in spite of all the perks, has a downside. When there isn't enough money to pay the bills, everyone looks at you. They expect you to find donors or cut expenses.

But no one wants cuts in their contribution to expenses. Thanks to a strong union, faculty salaries have little connection to teaching ability. Whether you're a professor or a truck driver, unions fight for pay levels based on time in service. Why should it matter whether you're a truck driver or a college professor, years on the job is the only fair way to set compensation. We don't want to discriminate against some professors by increasing the pay of those that are better teachers. The principle here is "from each according to ability, to each according to seniority."

Eventually, this leads to a need to move out older teachers and replace them with

younger ones that earn a fraction of the pay. If the young teachers can be part timers, so much the better. That cuts down on the cost of fringe benefits. Wal-Mart learned long ago that if you keep pay rates and working hours low enough, the state will make up the difference with Medicaid and Food Stamps. It works for Wal-Mart, why not for our college?

Fortunately, one area that may not require cost cutting is renovation and construction. It's fortunate because this is the best way to leave a legacy in the form of facilities and buildings that went up during your administration. You can do this even while cutting staff and forcing the retirement of older professors. People must be paid in cash within budgetary limits, but bond issues can finance buildings. Bond issues are what ordinary folks call borrowing or going into hock. Bond issues are great since they don't have to be paid until much later. By then the college president will either be retired or will have moved on to another school. And if the economy is really bad, there may be stimulus payments.

The politicians that approve these bond issues and stimulus payments have a continuing need for achievements to point to when running for office. Imagine an elected official who campaigns on the basis of a track record with few problems, no massive expenditures, no tax increases, and a growing economy. That's much too dull to win an election.

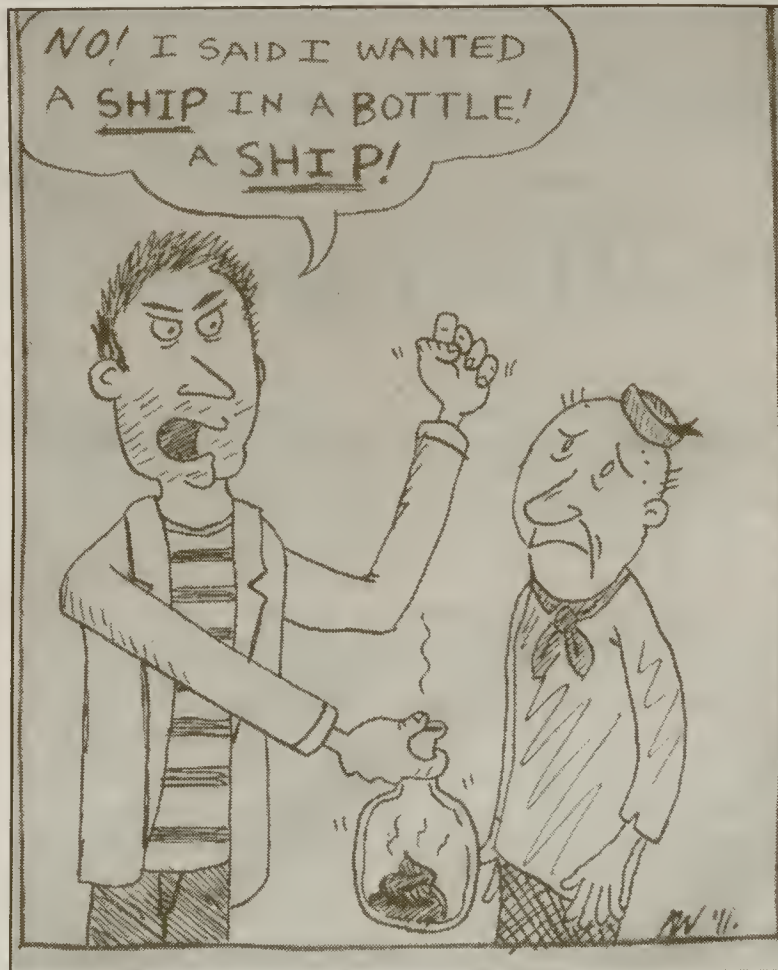
Imagine a history in which leaders always acted to support the needs of the peo-

ple. It would be awful. We would not have the pyramids or the Great Wall of China. All those statues and paintings of emperors, kings, and military leaders would never have been created and we would have no war memorials. What would our artists do?

The one skill a college president must have is the political savvy that makes each interest group feel that the president is on their side. The students are the source of all the cash needed to pay administrators, professors, and staff as well as what is needed to keep the lights on. Make sure the students believe that they will be able to complete their studies and graduate no matter what. The professors must be satisfied or they will make a lot of noise that will undermine the confidence of the students. At the same time you need to transition to low-paid, part-time faculty.

In a worst-case situation you may need to bail out. Here you can learn from the military. If enlisted personnel are not doing an effective job or if they fail to follow rules in some way, they can be discharged under other than honorable conditions. But when officers displease their superiors, they can be required to "resign for the good of the service." But if they have at least twenty years in uniform, they can retire.

So, if push comes to shove, college presidents should avoid resignation. It's always better to "retire." College professors are a forgiving lot. No matter how they have disparaged your efforts in the past, once they are sure you are leaving, they will sing your praises.



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Blazing trails

For 45 years The Critic has been publishing all of the campus news under the leadership of 63 different editors.

This week The Critic announced the appointment of the 64th editor-in-chief. Eric Blaisdell will take full control of the newspaper for the 2011-2012 school year.

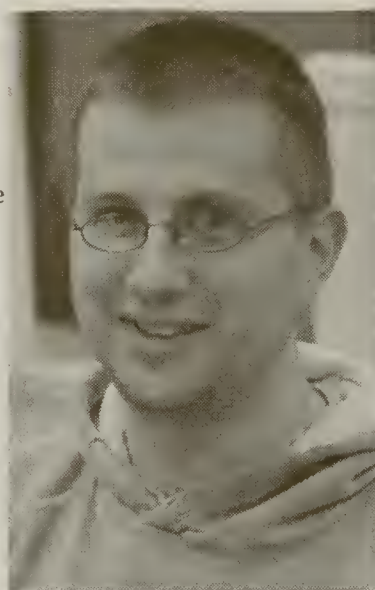
"I'm excited for the opportunity," said Blaisdell. "I look forward to the challenge of building upon what this paper has already done."

Blaisdell has big shoes to fill as current editor-in-chief, Sam Monroe, and managing editor Madi Cox depart for graduation. Under their

leadership The Critic published 21 issues (one more next week), seven 12-page issues, one 16 pager, and four color issues, as well as being awarded second place from the Vermont Press Association for outstanding news website in the state of Vermont.

The Critic has evolved into a reliable news source for all students and will continue to develop and transform as Blaisdell takes the reigns.

"It's been a fun ride," said Monroe. "But, Eric is going to do a great job, and I'm sure the paper will just continue to grow."



Eric Blaisdell, the new editor-in-chief, will take control of The Critic in the middle of May.

Tat-2-You offers discount to LSC students

Diana Cogger
News Correspondent

The hum of the tattoo gun starts up as a client takes a seat in the big, comfortable tattoo chair. Her friends smile at her in encouragement as she braces herself for the first mark.

The client this time is Ashley Degree, 19, and she is getting her third tattoo, her second from Gigi.

While she is here today, Gigi will also be fixing Degree's first tattoo: the work of another tattoo artist.

Jeannine "Gigi" Belliveau has been tattooing professionally for more than 10 years, the last two of them out of her shop in North Haverhill, NH. Gigi does custom tattooing and piercing.

She promises to never repeat any tattoo.

"Gigi is a fantastic artist whose work is unparalleled," said Karen Byrne, 20, human services, and a frequent customer of Gigi's. "I have never left her shop unsatisfied. Not only does she have a fantastic aesthetic to her work, she also knows how to make a client feel at ease when

getting tattooed. She is always honest and up front. I know that when I go get a tattoo from her, I look forward to not only the final result, but the experience itself. She is a consummate professional who has also become a good

friend over the past three years I have known her. I would recommend her work to anyone."

Tat-2-You by Jeannine is a favorite shop of many LSC Students, and even people who don't have any tattoos

yet look forward to getting something done by Gigi.

Jennifer Peart, 21, a senior in human services, had never gotten any tattoos or piercings from Gigi but says "I look forward to getting my first piece done by Gigi, most of my

friends have gotten stuff from her and they all trust her, I hear nothing but good things about her, her apprentices and the shop in general. So I really can't wait to get something done there I will be getting my first piece hopefully by the end of May and will definitely use the discount."

The discount Peart mentioned is a special open to only LSC students. Until the end of May, any student who goes to her shop will get a 25 percent discount on anything done, tattoo or piercing. All you have to do is show the artist your student I.D. and you get the discount.

After about half an hour the sound of the tattoo gun stops and Gigi has finished both of Degree's wrist tattoos.

A smile lights up Degree's face as she looks at her new and improved tattoos.

I love them," she says. "I always love Gigi's work, she does an amazing job with her artwork and brings it to life on a person's body, she's amazing."



Photo by Diana Cogger

Ashley Degree, an LSC student, gets her third tattoo by Gigi Belliveau at Tat-2-You in North Haverhill, N.H.

Students fined by Public Safety for car violations

Ashley Raulet
News Correspondent

Lyndon State College students do not have to pay for a parking pass, but school officials make sure we pay for something.

There are public safety officers that are assigned to walk around the parking lots and make sure students and visitors are parking correctly and have proper parking passes. For visitors, though, the tickets are a novelty.

"When my friend came up to visit, she got a ticket for not having a parking pass, and she left and that was that. So I think if you don't go here, the tickets are a joke," said Alise Vandal, a sophomore at LSC.

Current LSC students cannot avoid paying tickets for long, as the unpaid balance will be added to their tuition bill. This poses a

problem when it comes time to register for classes and pick housing. If you have an unpaid amount on your bill, the school will put you on financial hold, even if the amount is only a 25-dollar parking ticket.

LSC student Lawrence Olio was upset after being fined for parking in a fire lane, even though it was a friend of his driving the vehicle.

"My dad called me one day asking why I had a 50 dollar charge on my bill. I went to student services and they said it was ticket. Public Safety said it was for parking in a fire lane next to a resident hall door. But it wasn't even me, it was my friends that got it, and I didn't think it was fair that I had to pay it. Tickets should go to the person driving the car not just the owner of the car," he said.

Students can be fined for

anything from parking in a prohibited spot, not having a pass, or driving too fast on campus.

Prices range depending on the violation.

Not having a parking pass will earn you a 25-dollar ticket, while parking in a visitors spot earns a fine of 50 dollars.

If a student gets a ticket for speeding on campus, it can range anywhere from 100 to 300 dollars.

Just like a normal traffic ticket, a student can appeal it. There is a form to fill out when you get a ticket that allows the student to explain their side of the story.

After you fill out the paperwork, Public Safety will review it and decide whether to take away the ticket or not.

Senior Week Schedule

Thursday, May 5 3 - 4:30 p.m.	Robing Ceremony
Wednesday, May 11 4 - 5 p.m.	Seniors vs. Faculty / Staff Kickball Game Location: Softball Field
Thursday, May 12 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	*Senior BBQ - 1980's theme! Location: St. J Country Club
Friday, May 13 2 p.m.	Graduation Rehearsal Rita Bole Gymnasium & Commencement tent Senior Dinner Cruise
3:30 p.m. 6:30 - 9 p.m.	Buses Leave for Burlington Dinner Cruise and Dance on the Spirit of Ethan Allen III
9 p.m. - 12 a.m. 12 a.m.	Free time in Burlington Buses leave for Lyndonville
Saturday, May 14 3 - p.m.	Social at the home of President Carol. A. Moore
Sunday, May 15 11 a.m.	Commencement

There is still space available for the BBQ and Dinner Cruise!
Please bring your reservation form and liability release
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come, first served!

Be sure to check out
lyndonstatecritic.com for
more news and updates
throughout the week!

College players prefer perks

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

Editor's note: This is part two in a three part series looking into the world of NCAA athletics. Look for part three next week.

Happy workers are productive workers. The same goes for athletes.

'Perks' give student-athletes an incentive to play, and to continue playing.

Division I schools can often afford to purchase some equipment and warm-up suits for players; a bigger budget allows them to do so. This can make it so athletes never have to purchase their own equipment. DIII programs don't have that luxury.

At a DIII school the program relies on fundraising to give their players incentives. At LSC, teams are responsible for doing their own fundrais-

ing in order to purchase things for themselves.

Athletic Director Chris Ummer says having a big fundraising budget helps teams recruit players because it allows coaches to brag about the perks players get.

As part of the uniform, the men's basketball team purchases matching shoes.

"I consider that part of the uniform," said head coach Joe Krupinski. "Fundraising allows us to do that."

The team is also allowed to keep their practice uniforms because they were purchased with fundraising. The team is also traveling to Utah next Thanksgiving for a tournament and has teams such as Brown, Yale, and Dartmouth on its schedule year after year.

"That allows credibility for us with recruits," said Krupinski. "I can tell players 'hey look at all of the cool

things are team is doing, you can be part of it.'"

Brown, Yale and Dartmouth can be considered fundraisers for the team because the DI schools pay the smaller schools to come and play them as part of the schedule.

During the summer, women's basketball coach Vinnie Maloney and the team put on a weeklong hoop camp for youth basketball players ages eight to 18. This is one of the bigger fundraisers the team does. Coaches and players participate in the camp as counselors for the week.

According to Maloney the fundraiser allows the team to purchase matching sweat pants, sweatshirts, and team bags.

"They like that stuff, and it helps advertise the school and the team," Maloney said

of the gear. Maloney said the matching sweat suits help get people's attention while the team is traveling and it helps recruiting.

This year the volleyball team held a car wash as one of its fundraisers, the baseball team sold snacks during the basketball games and the softball team held 50/50 raffles during home basketball games.

The basketball teams also split the money raised from admission to the games.

The athletic department has also started a new program this year in an attempt to fundraise. The Hornet Club has made its debut on campus and is looking for people to start donating.

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Those who choose to become a Hornet Club member can choose where their donation goes. They can pick a specific team or donate to the department.

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What We've Learned: upsets are never out of the question

Phil Alexander and
Kevin Lessard
Critic Columnists

The NBA playoffs will bring the fans exactly what they want, which is close games between great teams.

One of the biggest surprises in the post-season has been the emergence of the New Orleans Hornets. Many experts and analysts believed that the two time defending champions would be able to cruise through this series. Chris Paul has played like the All-Star Point Guard that he is, and whether or not the Hornets win the series, they can look back on it and say they exceed expectations.

Another first round matchup to watch is the eighth-seeded Memphis Grizzlies against the San Antonio Spurs. Even though the Grizzlies are an eight seed in the Western Conference, they have one of the best front-courts in the NBA with Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol. The Grizzlies have surprised the league by taking a three games to two lead on the Spurs, and had a chance to end the series on Wednesday.

The first-round playoffs series between the third-seeded Boston Celtics and the

sixth-seeded New York Knicks was watched very closely by fans of both sides. Most people thought that the defending Eastern Conference Champions should not worry about their early-round matchups, but the Knicks were no slouch. With two All-Star players in Amar'e Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony, this Knicks team played the Celtics close in all games, and had many opportunities to beat the Celtics.

The Portland Trailblazers have been playing their best basketball coming into the playoffs, playing well against the Dallas Mavericks. Many believe the sixth-seeded Trailblazers can knock off the three-seeded Mavericks, but the Mavericks lead the series three games to two. One key matchup to continue to watch in this series will be the power forwards where Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki and Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge will be squaring off against each other.

Whether it is an eight seed or a top-seeded team, do not expect an easy series for any team. All of the teams played well enough to make it to the playoffs, so do not expect them to just lie down and lose.

Hornet report: spring season wrap

Softball doubles 2010 win total, suffers playoff loss



Meghan Gadapee makes contact vs. Johnson St. Photo by: Sam Monroe in one of only two home games this year.

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

The softball team could not pull off a playoff upset after earning its first postseason berth in two years, losing 3-1 to Maine Maritime Academy in the North Atlantic Conference first round.

The Lady Hornets went 8-17 on the season overall, and 4-10 in the North Atlantic Conference, just squeaking past Johnson State (3-11) to earn a postseason spot.

For a softball team that only won two conference games a season ago, four conference wins and a playoff appearance was a definite step in the right direction.

Senior Captain Natalia Shams says the stakes are high for the team next year.

"Especially with this upcoming recruiting class, there

are big expectations for a great team next year, said Shams."

Shams scored the Hornet's lone run in the final 3-1 loss to MMA on a bunt from Freshman Tia Billado. After MMA took a 2-1 lead in the third inning, there was no looking back for the Mariners.

Freshman Meghan Gadapee, one of the team's best pitchers this season, took the loss after allowing three runs in six innings. Shams says her last season in a Hornets uniform was a bitter-sweet one.

"You can't control a lot of things," said Shams. "Do I wish it could have gone differently? Of course I do. But we made the best of what we've been given and we haven't been given much. Any team has challenges."

Baseball one win short of berth



Hornets ace Jeremy Schichtle throws out a pitch Photo by: Sam Monroe in a loss to Castleton on Friday, April 22.

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

Following several close losses down the stretch to Castleton, Lyndon State College baseball failed to make a successful run at a spot in the North Atlantic Conference playoffs.

LSC lost to Castleton 5-4, 3-0 in the first set of double-headers before falling 5-4 and 8-3 in another doubleheader to Castleton several days later. Had the Hornets won just one of those four games, they would have earned a berth over Maine-Farmington (4-12).

Lacrosse shocks Johnson in overtime comeback, falls to Maine Maritime in postseason

Eric Blaisdell
News Editor

After pulling off a come from behind 14-13 overtime win at Johnson State, Lyndon Men's lacrosse fell to Maine Maritime 22-3 in the first round of the North Atlantic Conference postseason.

Lyndon's remarkable seven goal comeback at Johnson earned the team the right to play MMA in the NAC first round. Unfortunately, the Hornets were overwhelmed by the Mariner's attack, and were sent packing, with hopes for a better season next year.

The fourth season for the men's lacrosse team has been less than ideal with injuries and snowstorms getting in the way.

"We've only had one half practice outside all season," said coach Tim Tierney in a telephone interview. "The only time we've actually been outside playing is at away games. It's nobody's fault. It's just a lot of snow and it's definitely put a dent into our season."

Not being able to practice outside has affected the team's readiness as well as

physical conditioning.

"It's a different conditioning indoors than playing on a full field outdoors," said Tierney. "Spatially it's very tough. As far as playing a game on a basketball court rather than a full on lacrosse field."

"The worst part of this whole season was not having a home game," said senior defender Alex Cerone. "I played two years ago and we got on the field in April. It completely changed because we weren't in the gym anymore and there is a big difference being on a field than in a gym."

Fan support was another aspect of playing at LSC that was lost.

"Without a crowd it's easy to lose motivation," said Junior Defender Ryan Brown in an e-mail response. "We did have some diehard parents show up to every game and I would like to thank them for that. It's always nice to have some cheering after a goal to keep the tempo up."

The team suffered many

injuries over the course of the season, which could be explained by not being able to practice the way it wanted.

"We had some big injuries this year from players who change the tempo of the game for us," said Brown. "Two of our captains, Colin Blanchard and Keennan Chenail suffered ankle injuries and one of the leading scorers, Max Ercole, has a calf injury. It's tough to compete with teams fielding 25 healthy athletes when you have 3-5 subs depending on the week."

Even with all their issues, the players and coach see the lacrosse program heading in the right direction.

"It's been fun, but it's been tough," said Cerone on his experience with the program and its prospects going forward. "We have a pretty bright future. We have a lot of good freshmen coming in. There is a good core group of players here that should hold it down pretty well. We're getting more players that played in high school, each year we're getting better."

North Atlantic Conference Standings

Softball Husson: 12-2 NAC, 21-15 all Thomas: 12-2 NAC, 18-13 all Maine Maritime: 11-3 NAC, 18-6 Castleton: 9-5 NAC, 16-19 all Me-Farmington: 5-9 NAC, 10-17 all Lyndon St: 4-10 NAC, 8-17 all Johnson St: 3-11 NAC, 4-20 all Green Mountain: 0-14 NAC, 3-19 all	Men's Lacrosse Castleton: 7-0 NAC, 10-6 all Husson: 6-1 NAC, 7-9 all Maine Maritime: 5-2 NAC, 6-4 all Thomas: 4-3 NAC, 4-8 all Me-Farmington: 2-5 NAC, 4-6 all Lyndon St: 2-5 NAC, 2-8 all Green Mountain: 1-6 NAC, 2-8 all Johnson St: 1-6 NAC, 1-8 all
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Men's tennis to play Johnson Saturday in postseason

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

Last weekend, the men's tennis team split against two in-state rivals.

Lyndon started the weekend Friday by dominating Green Mountain by a score of 8-1. Michael Howard cruised to a 6-0 and 6-3 victory in the No.1 matchup, while Tyler Schofield won back-to-back 7-6 decisions to take the No.2 singles. Paul Thibault, Daniel Weiner, and Jon Lehané also brought home singles victories for the Hornets. In doubles, Lyndon swept the competition, winning 9-7, 9-8, and 8-1.

On Saturday, the tables were turned as Lyndon lost to Castleton by a score of 8-1. Lyndon's only victory that day came from Jon Lahane as he came back after dropping the first set.

Lyndon sophomore Tyler Schofield was honored as the NAC East player of the week for the week ending April 18.

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Get your groove on



Photo by Nick Brien

During last year's Drag Ball, 125 students attended the party. dressing in drag is optional.

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

Next Saturday Lyndon State's radio station (WWLR) will host a Drag Ball.

After last year's successful turnout of about 125 students, the event returns with a radio station vibe. Recognizing the lack of a college student's disposable income, the ball was effectively designed to be free admission.

The ball will feature a DJ, decorations, lighting, and a cash bar. The first 25 students through the door will receive a free drink. On top of this there will be other prizes awarded, including cash prizes to the Drag Ball King and Queen.

"This is an adult-oriented activity," said WWLR's chief music director Brittany Lavery. "You will be treated like adults, and will be able to have fun and let loose."

This event does however differ from traditional drag balls in some ways. For instance, there is no requirement for attendees to dress in drag.

"Students can dress however they want," explained WWLR's newly-elected

general manager Nick Brien. "Last year one student even wore roller blades."

When going to this event, be sure to recognize the hard work put into organizing and funding each and every aspect. Representatives from WWLR reached out to local businesses for a source of funding the event. Advertisements played a big part in helping pay for a lot of the drag ball's features. Along with finding the funds, the event also had to be planned and organized one detail at a time.

With roughly \$800 from funding being spent on the event, attending students can expect to have a memorable time.

"It is like the big college parties you see in movies, except it will be safe," added Brien.

This well equipped, well planned event should prove to be a great way to spend your Saturday night. Students are even invited to bring guests that are not LSC students.

All of this would not be possible without the support and dedication of the club members of WWLR. The sta-

tion's recent director board election welcomed 3 new members to the 12 member board. Other notable changes include the promotion of Cody "Scoots" Fernald to program director and vice president of the club, and the promotion of Nick Brien to general manager and club president.

The new and improved director board has identified internal and external problems in the club's current operational procedures and has developed a plan to help resolve these issues. The board emphasized their desire to reach out to the students, faculty, and community, hoping to diversify the station so that it applies to a greater audience. The objective is for WWLR to further become a source for the school to represent itself in an admirable fashion.

WWLR will host the Drag Ball on Saturday, May 7 in ASAC 100. The event is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. and will go until 11 p.m. Just remember to bring your LSC ID, as well as a drivers license for students planning on having an alcoholic drink at the bar.

Eating with Em

Emilie Lariviere
Entertainment Editor

Chef's Corner

This recipe contains something for everyone. If there is an ingredient you don't like substitute it for something different or just don't use it as there is a little of everything included.

What's cooking in the kitchen?

Pasta Salad

Ingredients:

4 hard boiled eggs
½ lb of small shells pasta
4 oz sharp cheddar cheese
4 oz colby cheese
½ cup of ham
1 medium sized cucumber
½ a red pepper
½ an onion
¼ cup of grape tomatoes
½ a bag of baby carrots
½ cup of spinach
¼ cup of ranch dressing
1TB garlic
1 tsp basil
1 tsp parsley
1 tsp chili powder
salt and pepper

Instructions:

Bring a small pot of water to a boil with the four eggs, once the water is boiling set the timer for ten minutes, once

finished set the eggs aside, in the fridge to cool. In the meantime bring a medium sized pot of water to a boil, add pasta and also cook for 8-10 minutes or until al dente. Strain and rinse with cold water until cool. Slice the cucumbers in thin pieces, dice the red pepper into bite size chunks, cut the onion into small pieces, slice ham into cubes, cut the cheese into cubes and then remove the shell from the eggs and slice into thin pieces. In a medium bowl add the pasta, seasonings, vegetables, egg, ham and cheese together, stir just until incorporated.

Nutritional Aspect

Different foods contain more minerals and vitamins than others and that's why we need to eat a variety of foods to make sure we are getting all of the nutrients that we need. Eggs are great for you as they are high in protein and selenium. Protein is important for our bodies as our nerves, tissues and bones are made up out of it. If you have any questions or recipes you want to submit you can email me at: emilie.lariviere@lyndonstate.edu.

Pink flamingos have flown away

Ryan Longe
Critic Staff

Well, it is done folks. Those pesky pink flamingos have finished their migration to various places all around campus. All 1,714 of them have made their way to the doors of students, faculty and staff in the last two weeks.

"There was so many flamingos, I thought I was going to run out of room on my door," said junior atmospheric science major Ben Sis-kind who was just one person who woke up to find dozens of pink paper birds plastered all over his door.

"It went really well this year and I want it to be better next year. There may be some new changes for next year,"

said senior atmospheric science major and Lyndon Strikers president Mike Michaud.

The overall success of the Flamingo fundraiser contributed \$313 to the Lyndon Strikers funds, which was more than what was made last year. Not only did this help the club of 53 active members, but it gave a bit of color to the Lyndon State College campus.

"I am sad my flocking days are over," Michaud says, but he knows that this fundraiser will be a continued success in the years to come. To all those around campus: enjoy these wacky pink paper birds for the time being and don't worry; they will be back again.



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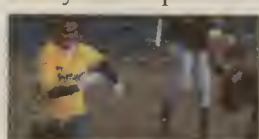
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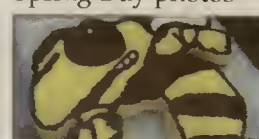
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Kascenska's position saved

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

After 19 years at Lyndon State College, it was just months away from ending for Associate Academic Dean John Kascenska; now the VSC Chancellor has rescinded the decision and Kascenska will be returning for year number 20.

With a hefty budget deficit staring LSC the face, cuts are going to be made to balance it.

One of those cuts was thought to be the elimination of the associate dean of academics position. That decision has been over turned.

Kascenska will remain employed by Lyndon as the college heads into its second century.

"I am very excited that I have a chance to continue here at the college and I look forward to next year," said Kascenska with a smile. "I have a deep care as I always have for our students and our faculty, I work very closely with them and I am happy to be back."

Kascenska received a letter on April 14, telling him that his position was being taken out of the budget for fiscal year 2012; he was out of a job.

June 30 would end a 19-year run as an employee of LSC, a place where he graduated from in 1982.

In 1992 he returned to become a member of the mountain recreation department and was later promoted to associate academic dean. He still teaches classes in the mountain recreation department.

The day after Kascenska got the letter, President Carol Moore announced her retirement. After her retirement the final budgetary decisions were sent to Chancellor Tim Donovan for final approval.

"I think obviously these kind of things are emotional," said Kascenska. "It was an emotional situation, both personally and professionally. However I was still the associate academic dean and I had to be here and take care of the responsibilities that my office has and that's what I did to be honest."

Kascenska wrote a letter to the chancellor expressing his

concerns. When the Donovan visited campus, he met with Kascenska. He also sent a letter to the chancellor. He wasn't the only one to send a letter, several faculty and staff also wrote letters of support for him.

"It was very heartwarming," Kascenska said. "They let me know that they sent messages on my behalf. All of those were unsolicited. It was very heartwarming and I have a very close working relationship with a lot of people here and I thanked each of them."

A week later the Kascenska and the Chancellor sat down one more time. This time the chancellor informed the associate dean that his position would not be removed from the budget and they were looking forward to having him back.

Kascenska is happy to be back, but he is taking it one step at a time.

"Focusing on this semester. I'm glad to be back to help move forward and prepare for next year," he said.



Photo courtesy of Keith Chamberlin
Director of Public Safety George Hacking, Associate Academic Dean John Kascenska and Administrative Assistant Kathleen McIsaac watch the Spring Day action.

Faculty cut revealed

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

Three staff members and one faculty member will be dismissed from Lyndon State College in order to balance the budget, according to Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges Tim Donovan.

"I have made the decisions with regard to staffing changes relative to the budget and all of those people have been notified individually," Donovan said following a meeting with employees on Monday.

David Plazek, a political science professor, has been notified that he will not be reappointed to LSC.

"It was heartbreaking. It's been a real tough pill to swallow because I love this school and I love my job. I just felt lucky to have this job and everyday I was one of those people that were lucky to go to a job that they love," he said.

Plazek has two years left before he leaves the college, although it is possible that

things may change in that time to improve the deficit.

It's not that up in the air. The way I heard it put is there is a little bit of wiggle room," he said. "There are people who have suggested to me that there going to find a way to improve our financial situation. There are ideas floating around that eventually everybody's job will be saved."

Social sciences professor Janet Bennion is unhappy with the news that Plazek's position has been cut.

"We're deeply concerned about this. We know that students truly love David. He's a very popular published scholar, probably the most popular in our department," she said. "We'd hate to see him go and we hope that there's a way to keep him in our department so we can fulfill our needs in the social sciences, in the global studies concentration, in the gen ed program."

While employees have been individually notified, those involved in unions have the opportunity to look for alternative ways to solve the deficit.

"I think nothing's set yet. We have an opportunity now to try to find other solutions so I don't think anything's set in stone yet. We may be able to save positions. This is all two or three year procedure here," said mathematics professor



Photo by Sam Monroe
Bob Whittaker talks to Donna Dalton before Monday's meeting.

and Chair of the Faculty Assembly Jim Bozeman.

Plazek is not as optimistic about the possibility of saving his position.

"Obviously in my situation I'm not too optimistic that there is going to be room for me. When I talk to the people in the know it seems like they're pretty certain about this decision," he said.

Some faculty members are concerned with the decision to let go of faculty and staff.

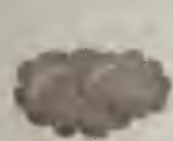
"The chancellor is really emphasizing that we need to be positive and make the external community beyond the internal college community understand that we're a strong college. It's hard to do that right now," said English professor Andrea Luna. "And even when he's right, it's hard to hear his message when it feels like he's telling us basically to buck up and act like nothing's happening."

The three staff members who have not been reappointed have not been revealed to the public. The chancellor explained that if individuals wish to discuss their employment, they may, but he will respect their privacy.

Eric Blaisdell contributed to this story.

Weekend Weather Outlook: Alex Avalos & National Weather Service

Friday:



HIGH
51° 57°
WINDS
LIGHT

► Mostly cloudy throughout the day

Saturday:



HIGH
62°
WINDS
LIGHT

► Partly cloudy throughout the day, PM showers

Sunday:



HIGH
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WINDS
LIGHT

► Partly cloudy skies throughout the day

Monday:



HIGH
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WINDS
LIGHT

► Partly cloudy skies throughout the day

Tuesday:



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► Partly cloudy skies throughout the day

Veterans at LSC react to bin Laden killing

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

Almost ten years after a day of horror and death in the United States.

Almost ten years after soldiers invaded Afghanistan.

Almost ten years after George W. Bush vowed revenge.

Almost ten years, and now the alleged mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001 attack has been killed by the United States.

"He doesn't deserve to be the focus of attention," said Jason Clark, a senior at Lyndon State College who served five years in the U.S. Navy. "That should be reserved for our soldiers."

Clark, who recently formed the Veterans club on campus, was working at a Naval Hospital in Oak Harbor, Wash. On Sept. 11.

"I remember very clearly the TVs coming on and the hospital and everyone seem-

ingly frozen in time as they stared at the horrific images on the screen.

"Since then thousands of my brothers and sisters have been killed or wounded in the war on terror," Clark said.

"I am happy he is dead and can't hurt my family anymore," Clark said. "However, I wish the media would move on. He doesn't deserve to be the focus of attention, that should be reserved for our soldiers."

"I joined in 2002, because of Sept. 11," said Joel Flores, a senior at Lyndon who served in the National Guard for the past eight years. "On Sunday I finally got satisfaction. May 1 will be a day all soldiers will remember for the rest of their lives. It's a sense of accomplishment, we did it."

"I feel very relieved, excited and most of all proud," said Flores. "We can all go to sleep at night feeling a little safer."

Flores along with Denis

Nunez, another LSC student, both returned from Afghanistan recently.

"As a veteran just recently coming back," said Nunez, "It feels good to know we are getting 'it' down over there."

"This is a great moral victory for all U.S. Armed Forces and the American people," Nunez said.

Some are viewing it a psychological win, however, the war may not be over but it is a stepping-stone.

"I think it's a good victory for the United States. It's a psychological victory," said Mark Hoffman. "He's really just kind of a figurehead at this point, but it's a psychological victory for the United States. It's a psychological defeat for al-Qaeda. It's a good thing."

The War Continues

Clark doesn't think this will be the end of the war on terror.

"He was not the first terror-

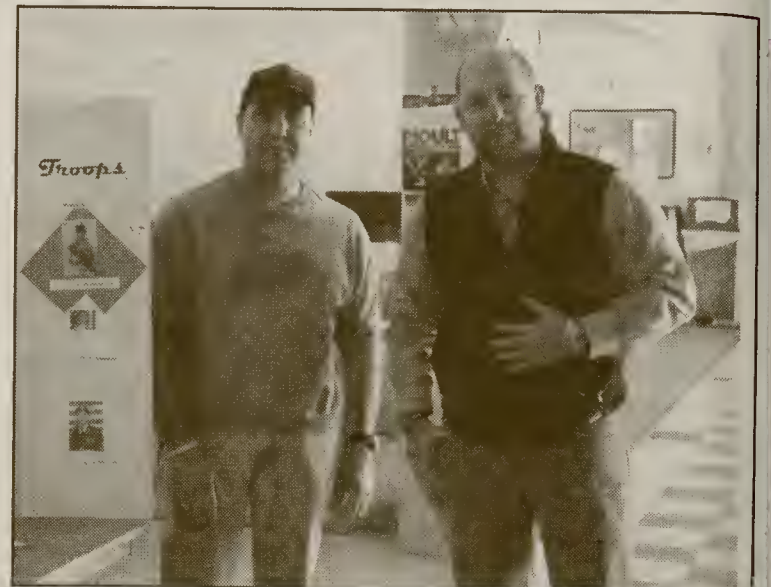


Photo by Eric Wayne

Mark Hoffmann and Thom Anderson of the veteran's club sell wristbands for 'wounded warriors.'

ist and he won't be the last," said Clark. "This war will continue unfortunately and our soldiers, my friends, my hero's will continue to make the ultimate sacrifice. They deserve our praise, our undying gratitude and all the love and respect we can give them."

"As far as the war itself, nothing changes," said Nunez. "The troops don't get to take a

day off or sit one out just because a bad guy fell down."

"Be happy as civilians that you aren't the one that has to do the deed and that someone is willing to fight for your freedom; no matter what corner of the world it takes them to," said Nunez about his fellow soldiers.

Reporters Eric Blaisdell and Joe Schlee contributed to this story.

Enrollment up, but not with Vermonters

Erin Milne
News Correspondent

LSC's enrollment numbers for fall 2011 are looking up—but not without some exceptions.

Enrollment deposits are up about 15 percent from last year as of May 1, said Vinnie Maloney, LSC's associate director of admissions. However, many of these deposits

have come from out-of-state students, and the college is currently 39 deposits behind its in-state target, Maloney said.

This may be due in part to the budget controversy currently going on at LSC. Prospective students who hear about the controversy may question coming to the school, Maloney said.

"They will think to themselves and wonder," Maloney said.

To counter this, the admissions staff is trying to reach out more to in-state students, Maloney said.

"There are a lot of great things happening on campus," Maloney said, and the admissions staff is trying to get the word out.

He said that LSC has a strong focus on in-state students as part of the school's

mission.

Maloney added that only 60 percent of the expected incoming class has deposited, and he said the admissions staff is working hard to make sure the other 40 percent deposit. He said that many students wait until they have received their financial aid award letters before they pick a school and make a deposit. Maloney added that the admissions department is also focusing on ensuring that the

60 percent who have deposited do indeed register for fall classes.

"We're excited about where we are deposit-wise," Maloney said, adding that LSC is trending to have one of its largest-ever incoming classes this fall. He said this is a testament to the strength of LSC.

"Deposit numbers are good, and that shows the strength of this community," Maloney said.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

APRIL 29

*Are microwaves that complicated?

Bayley

Burnt popcorn

MAY 1

*Lift with the legs there buddy

Bole Gym

MAY 5

*Well don't try to run me over next time

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Rocks thrown at windshield

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This year in Lyndon State news: '10-'11

The 2010-2011 academic year has provided *The Critic* with some big stories to cover.

Here is a look at some of the bigger ones this year:

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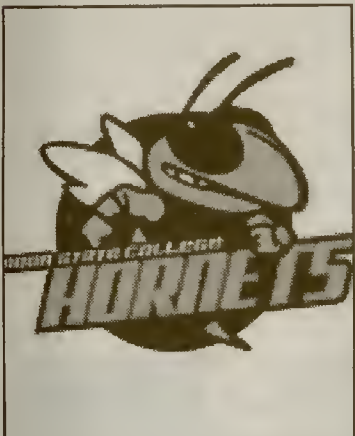
The faculty assembly voted to have President Carol Moore and Academic Dean Donna Dalton investigated by the VSC for financial mismanagement of the college. The Student Government Association votes to support Moore and Dalton.

Lyndon State College becomes an official NCAA Division III member.



October:

Georgia Tech contacts Lyndon State College to complain about mascot similarities. LSC is forced to give up the Hornet logo and create a new logo.



VSC Chancellor rejects the faculty's request to investigate Moore and Dalton.

The NEASC team visits Lyndon and begins the accreditation process.

SGA administrative vice president Chris Shadrock is impeached for using a derogatory term to describe a fellow student.

November:

Dave Daly is elected as the new administrative vice president.

A petition begins to circulate asking for the impeachment of SGA President John

Kleinhans and SGA Executive Vice President Rachel Keller. Neither petition makes it to the SGA for a vote.

December:

SGA financial controller Miranda Bushey resigns.

Lyndon reveals its new athletic logo. The Hornet is scheduled to begin circulating at the start of the spring semester.



Above: Shadrock listens to the SGA hearing of impeachment in October. Inset: Dave Daly takes Chris Shadrock's place on the SGA executive board.

January:

Tuition is raised by four percent.

February:

President Moore delivers the state of the college address and declares the beginning of restructure of majors and minors.

March:

Several faculty and staff are offered early retirement benefits if they retire at the end of the year.

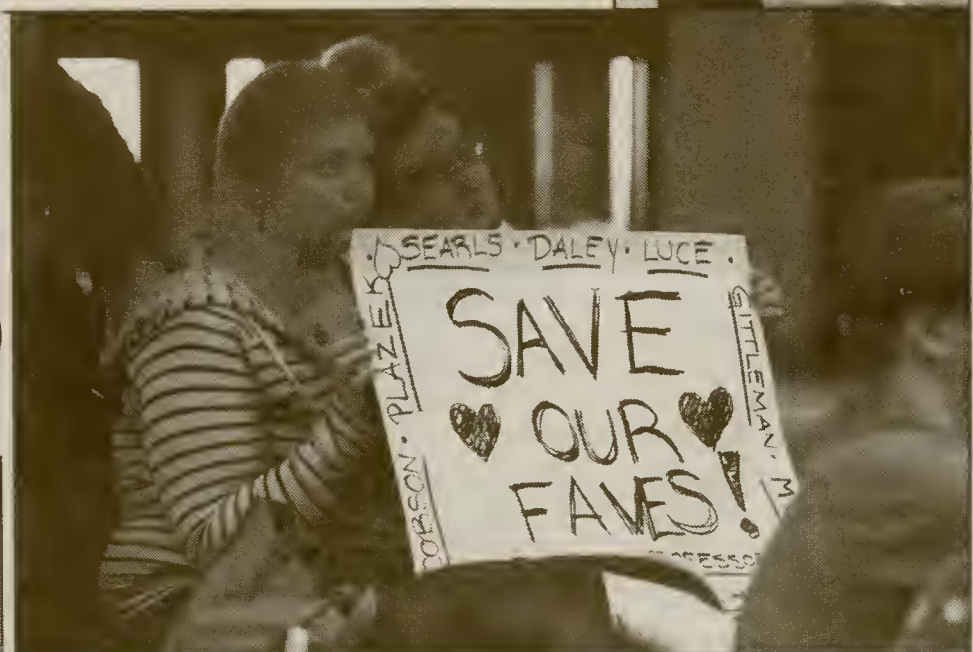
March:

Students begin to protest faculty cuts. A sit-in is held in the ATT lobby.

Students flock to the states capitol to lobby for more higher education funding from the state.



Right: John Kleinhans speaks to the SGA. Below: Two students rally for their favorite professors.



April:

Lyndon receives reaccreditation for the next 10 years.

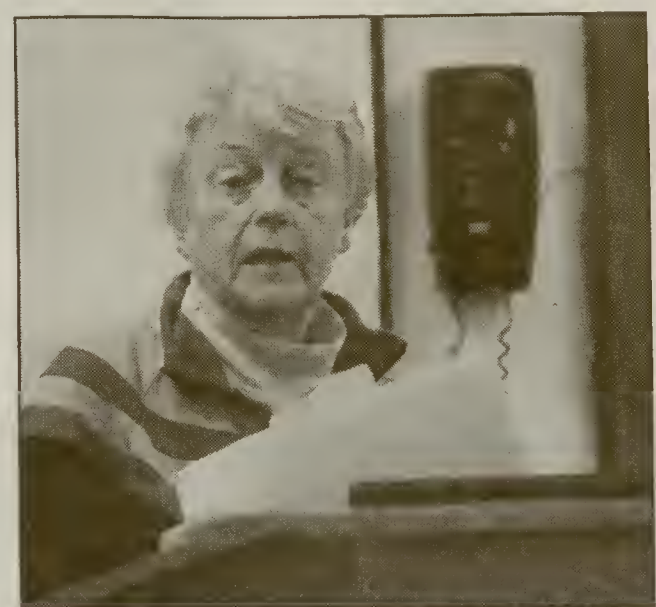
President Carol Moore announces her retirement effective June 30.

Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges Tim Donovan outlines plans to find the next LSC president.

The results of the SGA election are revealed, with Nick Russo becoming president for the 2011-2012 year.

May:

Four employees at LSC are informed they will not be reappointed, including political science professor David Plazek.



Carol Moore addresses the SGA.

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Peace out homies: *the last words from The Critic editors*

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

This is it.
Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on how you look at it, this will be the last time you see my name in the Critic Staff box under editor-in-chief.

I'll pause now and let you dry up those tears.

Good?

As I finish up my time at the helm of the ship known as The Critic, I would like to say thanks to those who have picked up a copy of the paper. As we all scramble to finish up papers, and prepare for tests, many of us look to see what the next step is. Some have known clue, and others have that job lined up.

As I look back at the time I have spent typing away and having my name pushed into newsprint I am thankful for the opportunity.

I never thought that I would have the editor title under my name, but now it only seems fitting. I have enjoyed my time with the editor title attached to my name and I

hope you did as well.

The Critic gave me a place to hone my talents as a reporter and an editor. It gave me a chance to deal with people and work with a real live newspaper.

I may have not made everyone happy with the choices I made as editor, I know some think they would have been better qualified, but I am satisfied with the job I did. The Critic is slowly developing into an even better news source for everyone on campus.

I would hope that as your time at LSC continues you will pick up the paper and check out the website. I am confident that Eric Blaisdell will continue to make sure your news is delivered in a way that keeps you happy and pisses people off.

After all, they do say that if you aren't making people made your not doing it right.

Judging by some of the comments we received this year, I would say we did a good job.

As I wave farewell to Lyndon and The Critic I am excited to see what will happen next.

Adios Amigos.

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

It's been two years since I walked into my first Critic meeting, and now it's time to say goodbye.

I'm really proud of The Critic this year, and I hope you all agree too. Our staff is talented and dedicated, and without them, this newspaper wouldn't be half as good as it is. As Bob McCabe likes to say, we're muckrakers. It's what we do, and we love it.

Sam, our fearless leader, kept us going during the stressful times, and I thank him for that. He's worked tirelessly to make this the best publication it can be, and his work on the website even won us an award from the Vermont Press Association this year. Being the editor-in-chief is an endless job, and he deserves far more credit than I can fit into words.

As Sam and I venture out into the great unknown, I know we're leaving The Critic in good hands. Eric Blaisdell, the new editor-in-chief, is going to do a great job, and with a team of dedicated writers behind him, the newspaper will keep getting better.

Good luck in the future, Critic staff, and keep raking up the muck.

Get ready for a new reign of terror

Eric Blaisdell
Editor-in-Chief in waiting

Even though space is a premium at this newspaper, I think we can spare some of it to thank Sam Monroe for his hard work this year as Editor-in-Chief.

It's going to be hard to replace all the yelling, cursing, and berating that Sam brought to The Critic, but I'm willing to try. Honestly, Sam put in much more hours on this paper than he'll get credit for and this paper was better with him involved. I wish him luck and I know he will be successful wherever he ends up.

I'm taking over as editor next year and I'm a little anxious about replacing Sam. This paper has taken some major strides this year and it is thanks to Sam's determination.

I have some ideas to improve on what he has already done to make this paper better and a real news organization. Thanks Sam for all you've done.

From the guy with the camera

Eric Wayne
Photo Editor

You know, I've been working at this paper for, oh... Three years now? Yeah, it's been something like that. Through my years I've seen a lot, I've taken pictures all around this campus, of many people and places, and as of recently I've been stalking people like a hawk at every SGA meeting picking out who is my next victim. I'm never the ones in the photos... But I'm always around taking the photos of your best sides. 'Cause you know, I get the best in everyone. So let's take a minute to reminisce... Kleinhans and all of his ways and facial expressions, not to mention Justin Chenette (That man is the hardest person to take a photo of - he talks and moves around at the speed of light for crying out loud), the wonderful Carol Moore and her always entertaining hand gestures, and of course how could we forget that wonderful picture of Suzanne Proulx and Nadine Grimley during budgeting that one time... A classic. So, I'd like to say thank you to everyone for putting up with me and my photographic ways. I've seen the best of times, and the worst of times, and It's been an honor working for The Critic for so long and capturing all of your lovely faces. Keep well, and stay classy. Your pal, Eric.

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Final issue of The Critic: pick me up next year.

Issue 22 will be the last edition of The Critic for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Critic staff would like to take this space to thank everyone who has supported the paper throughout the year.

Eric Blaisdell will be taking over as editor-in-chief for the 2011-2012 year.

If you are interested in working for The Critic please contact him. Ideas and criticisms are welcome for next year.

Positions open including managing editor, news editor, and many many more.

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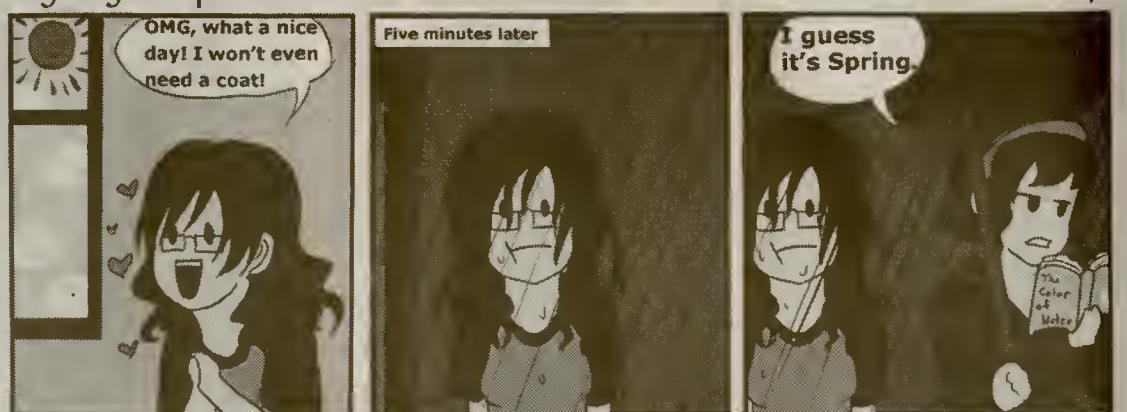
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Life of a Specialkid



Comic by Shera Howe

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It's hard to bring peace to the world but somebody has to

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

It's been quite a semester. The administration and faculty have been at war with each other and neither was very open about the underlying conflict. The student government backed up the administration without giving their reasons. When our president decided to throw in the towel and retire after the faculty had called for an investigation of the president, the faculty shifted gears and heaped praise upon its erstwhile opponent. Then, since the departing president would not be able to compensate the student government for support, they settled for cash instead, awarding themselves a couple of thousand dollars.

If school is preparation for life, we've done well. Our outgoing student president has very visibly expressed interest in what I'll humorously call grown-up politics. If he ever wins elective office he'll be in a good position to vote

for much more generous compensation than a thousand-dollar college stipend. But it's a start.

Meanwhile, the outside world has taught us about many more wonderful things the powerful can do. We have a president who won office by promising a quick end to foreign wars that have drained whatever the U.S. Treasury had left after the exciting adventures of the previous administration. He collected a million dollars or so on the sales of books making such promises, and a million-dollar Nobel Peace Prize for what he had done to promote peace in the world. Oops, it was for what he was expected to do based on all those fine promises he read off the teleprompter.

He got the ball rolling by sending another 75,000 troops into Afghanistan, then followed up with a half-hearted attempt to close Guantanamo, but the Republicans wouldn't give him the money to do it. What's a president to do? Well fortunately, although

closing down human rights violations can be costly, presidents are allowed to kill people whether they have the money or not. So America set new records for remote killing using those spiffy drones that let us kill anyone with no more effort than operating an X-box. But don't worry about it, the White House told us that the president can legally kill anyone—even American citizens—whenever he feels like it.

When a whole bunch of demonstrators decided to show Muammar Gaddafi their displeasure with his administration, we got over there real fast. It was a humanitarian mission. We wanted to protect those demonstrators even though we have no idea who they are and what they would do if they took over Libya. We just hate the sight of blood and only wanted to help out. But those NATO guys got a little carried away and killed one of Gaddafi's sons and three little grandchildren who really had no business hanging

around with a bad guy like grandpa.

As it turned out, Libya was just a warm-up. The biggest, baddest guy was still out there. Obama's intelligence team, ably led by a guy with absolutely no intelligence experience, had found Osama bin Laden seven or eight months ago, but the timing was bad. Finally, once Obama had announced his candidacy for reelection, the team got ready to move in. As Navy Seals in two helicopters headed for the compound where Osama was holed up, the Obama administration sat down in the White House to watch the action picked up by the helmet cams worn by the Seals. It is not known whether alcoholic beverages or even popcorn was served. No, it's not a secret, but nobody in the White House press corps thought to ask.

The big concern was whether bin Laden would be undergoing dialysis when they dropped down in two helicopters. It's not kosher (excuse the Mossad jargon) to

kill someone when they're hooked up to some large medical apparatus. Fortunately they found him unarmed with his 12-year old daughter who will have stories to tell when she gets older about how the bad Americans shot Dad in the face.

I guess they felt a little bad about the girl experiencing that and they would have taken her with them when they left, but one of the pilots clipped his tail rotor while landing and they didn't have enough room on the remaining chopper. So to make up for it and knowing that Muslims believe in burial within 24 hours, they dumped Dad in the ocean a few hours later. Why the ocean? Because these were NAVY Seals.

We've really gotten much more efficient in the last sixty years or so. Remember Nuremberg? Those guys killed millions of innocent people and we actually put them on trial.

What a waste of time and money.

Thank you

Dear Editor,

I'd like to thank the LSC community for this past year. Its been an honor to serve as Student Body President and I will forever remember all of the incredible experiences. Without your support I would be nothing.
Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

John W. Kleinhans
SGA President



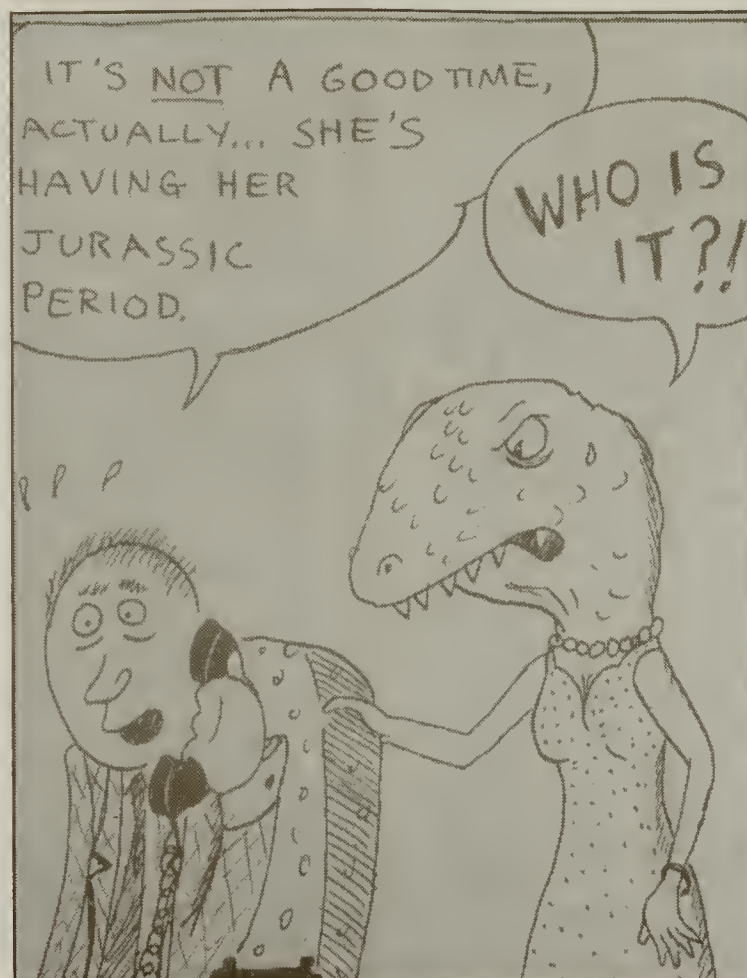
Congratulations to the class of 2011. The Critic bids farewell to all of the seniors and good luck in the future.

Photo by Keith Chamberlin

Senior Week Schedule

Thursday, May 5 3 - 4:30 p.m.	Robing Ceremony
Wednesday, May 11 Kickball Game	Seniors vs. Faculty / Staff 4 - 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 12 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Location: Softball Field *Senior BBQ - 1980's theme! Location: St. J Country Club
Friday, May 13 2 p.m.	Graduation Rehearsal Rita Bole Gymnasium & Commencement tent
3:30 p.m.	Senior Dinner Cruise
6:30 - 9 p.m.	Buses Leave for Burlington
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.	Dinner Cruise and Dance on the Spirit of Ethan Allen III
12 a.m.	Free time in Burlington
Saturday, May 14 3 - p.m.	Buses leave for Lyndonville
Sunday, May 15 11 a.m.	Social at the home of President Carol A. Moore
	Commencement

There is still space available for the BBQ and Dinner Cruise! Please bring your reservation form and liability release to the Alumni House at your earliest convenience - first come, first served!



Comic by Adam Whittier

How to find a job after graduation

Madi Cox
Managing Editor

You walk off the stage with diploma in hand, proud to have accomplished four years of college, when you have a startling realization: what now?

For many college graduates, finding work is a lot easier said than done.

"If you don't have an internship, you don't have an in," said Jenny Rossi, a 2010 graduate of Lyndon State College.

Rossi earned two bachelor's degrees in English, as well as a minor in psychology. She currently works as a preschool teacher at Acorn Child Care in Shelburne, Vt., and waitresses on the weekends.

"It is rough to do this on your own," she said, adding that student loan payments have made it difficult to support herself.

Rossi said Career Services at LSC was helpful to her, fine-tuning her resume and helping with job searches.

Rossi would ideally like a career in copywriting, but in the current economy, finds writing jobs scarce.

"Start job hunting in advance," she said for recent graduates seeking employment, "I'll take much longer than anyone will ever think."

Rossi is not happy with her current job situation and hopes to find something in her field eventually.

"I took this one out of desperation," she said. "I felt lucky when I was offered this job."

Some graduates find employment in their fields more quickly.

For Renee Kelly, a community outreach coordinator at LSC, networking played a big role in finding employment after college.

Kelly is a 2009 graduate of LSC who grew up in Stannard, Vt., where she earned two bachelor's degrees in psychology and human services, as well as a minor in business.

During her sophomore

year, Kelly did field work at a local head start, and later interned at the Vermont Commission on Women in Montpelier.

After graduating, she went on to work as an early head start home visitor for Northeast Kingdom Community Action in the child and family development program.

"Networking and the references I was able to get out of those experiences were extraordinarily helpful," Kelly said of her employment search.

According to Kelly, having experience in her field upon graduation helped her find a position she was interested in.

"I think that internship definitely helped secure my position here," she said, adding that she plans to stay at LSC. "I'm really excited to be back on campus."

Steven Merrill is another alumni of LSC, who like Kelly, found his experiences during college helpful in his job search following graduation.

tion.

"The biggest reason I got jobs was networking. It's really about getting to know people," he said.

Merrill, who is originally from Jericho, Vt., graduated from LSC in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in natural sciences, as well as two minors in geology and chemistry.

During his time as a student at LSC, Merrill took advantage of the services students have available for job searching.

"I found career services really helpful," he said, adding that Linda Wacholder, the director of career service helped him create a resume.

Merrill works as a chemist in the organic program at the Vermont Department of Health laboratory, where he has been employed for over a year.

He had previously worked at the Department of Health in 2007 as a temp until the job was cut. However, he says networking there helped him. When a position opened

up in 2010, the department reached out to him.

"One of my ultimate goals was to become a chemist and I've reached it," he said. "I feel like I have a good job and I like it."

Wacholder agrees that networking gives recent graduates a big advantage in the job market.

"I think the best thing is to do networking. That will facilitate leads," she said. "Actively engage in the job search."

She also says taking advantage of internships and work in the field a graduate is interested in is key.

"Have some kind of experience to promote to future employers," she said.

Wacholder says there are some basic ways to improve chances of employment.

"What everyone should have is a decent resume and a working draft of a cover letter," she said.

Four faculty members earn tenure, look to future

Sean Siciliano
News Correspondent

Amidst fear of faculty layoffs, several professors at Lyndon State have been granted tenure.

Peggy Sherrer a professor in the psychology department, atmospheric science professor Jason Shafer, Philip Parisi of the visual arts department, and David Johnston of the English, philosophy and film studies department have all been given tenure.

Tenure is a way for faculty members to ensure that they have job security. This is done at colleges all over the country.

Usually when a professor is at an institution for six years, they become eligible.

"When faculty attains tenure it indicates a set of major achievements," Parisi said.

Sherrer has been a big part of the psychology department for six years.

"My six years at Lyndon have been among the most satisfying of my career," she said.

When she was given tenure she was also given the title of assistant professor of

In order to achieve tenure, a faculty member must show the following:

1. A proven level of excellence in teaching, advising, and relationships with students

2. A proven record of scholarship

3. A proven level of college and community service

psychology.

"Looking ahead, I hope to develop more opportunities to involve students in service learning projects and research activities," she said of her future plans.

Jason Shafer has earned the title of assistant professor at LSC

"It is very rewarding work, helping to shape young minds and determine where to shoot their first life arrow," he said of his time at LSC.

He has been a member of the faculty for the last six years and plans to be here for a long time to come.

Parisi is also looking forward to more time at LSC.

"My relationship to my

department to recruit new students by presenting we have all visual arts full-time faculty is tenured," said Parisi.

He has plans for the major and plans on helping the major grow.

A member of the English, philosophy and film studies department, David Johnston was another

of the member of the faculty that was given tenure. Johnston has also been at LSC for the past six years and this is just the start to his future at Lyndon.

In the past few years he has been working on making a major for cinematography. This would be just another way for Lyndon to grow there major variety.

This major would include classes from visual arts, electronic journalism arts, music business and industry, and film studies.

This would allow student to become more educated in the cinema business.



photo by Eric Wayne

Webmaster Takuya Shimamura participating in Spring Dip

Are LSC men and women 'tough mudders'?

Nate Lucier

Critic Correspondent

We may have some "Tough Mudders" at Lyndon State. LSC students will have a chance to prove their toughness by participating in the Tough Mudder competition in West Dover on May 8.

Eight students and two faculty members will be running the course from LSC. Those eight are Jason Clark, John Byrne, Aaron Cornell, William Myers, Brittany Rogers, Jonathan Dame, Denis Nunez, and Sara Swahn. The two faculty members that will participate are

professors in the exercise science department, Anthony Sgherza and Greg Ledoux.

"The Tough Mudder series was created because there is not an event in America that tests toughness, fitness, strength, stamina and mental grit all in one place and all in one day," says the Tough Mudder website.

The course will be about 10 miles long with 22 unique and challenging obstacles. Participants will deal with things such as rope swings, scaling a 100-foot wall of ice, and running through tires and up steep hills. That is just a few of the intense obstacles

that this course will feature.

The first few obstacles include running up steep hills and hill repeats. "I think it was designed that way to weed out the weak," Jonathan Dame says about the hills. "That may be the hardest for me because we have not had a lot of time training outside due to the weather."

British Special Forces designed the Tough Mudder competition. It is not marketed as a race, but rather an event. It encourages teamwork from everyone to help fellow "mudders" get over every obstacle in their path. "Tough Mudder is also about

making sure no man is left behind, not worrying about your finish time," says the website.

This group at LSC has been training and preparing for this event and really look forward to testing themselves physically and mentally. They plan on getting outside to train more when the weather warms up, doing such things as swimming in Lake Willoughby, running up President's Hill on campus, and running the cross country trails.

It is up to the exercise science professors to help prepare their students for this

grueling task. Two of the four professors will be participating along with their students.

"Professors Bouley, Ledoux, Sgherza, and Evans have the knowledge, skills, and ability to help with program design, nutrition, and event preparation," says Dame. "Utilizing their knowledge has been my biggest advantage."

It is estimated that 20 percent of the participants in the Tough Mudder don't finish the course. "I have not done anything this physically challenging in a long time, if ever. It ought to be interesting," says Dame.

Curriculum changes ahead

Rachel Keller

Critic Staff

Change is in the air at Lyndon State College this year, and the general educa-

tion unit structure is no exception. This fall, first-year students will see a difference in their course catalogues. Instead of the four core classes and five choice classes now

required, students must choose one course from each of eight new categories.

"There are many more choices and fewer requirements," says English professor Chandler Gilman, part of the general education committee. "There's now a wider selection of disciplines, so there will be more choices."

The new categories include self and social interaction, written language, art and design, cross-cultural awareness, perspectives on the past, government and economics, natural resources and sustainability, and scientific and empirical reasoning. Foundation courses in English and math, as well as a basic course on entering an academic community will still be

required of students.

Another addition to the required courses is a sophomore-level critical reading, writing, and thinking course. Anyone from the college is allowed to teach it, and though it won't be heavy on workload, it will be heavy on methodology on writing critical pieces, says Gilman. Since all departments are able to teach this course, there will be a wide variety of classes to choose from. These curriculum changes apply only to incoming first year students, the Lyndon class of 2015.

The general education structure is examined about every ten years, and three years ago the committee began seriously considering changing the current struc-

ture. Professors Paul Searles and Alison Lathrop are chairs of the committee.

A challenge the committee faced was including as many ideas as they could, since the committee was made up of a diverse group of about six faculty members and received lots of feedback from the entire faculty. Gilman considers the changes and process to have been a success, saying "there was a great deal of collaboration and good will."

General education is the most important component of a college education," says Gilman. "These classes are what will give you a lifelong sense of knowledge."

Winning the allergy wars

Julianne Walshaw

Critic Correspondent

With temperatures heating up and spring finally getting underway, students at Lyndon State College are breaking free from the confinement of their dorms and getting some much needed fresh air; but, unfortunately for many, being outdoors on a beautiful breezy day comes with a price.

"I know I've had seasonal allergies in the past but I don't know if that's the case now. I have been sick for over a month and it's hard to tell if it's illness that's causing my throat to hurt, or are allergens to blame," says freshman atmospheric science major Kelly Butler.

Trees, grasses, and other plants are beginning their pollination cycles. When pollen is airborne students don't even realize they are breathing it in until they feel its effects. According to WebMD, what happens is your body may feel the pollen is an illness causing organism. Your immune system will begin to work harder to attack the threat by releasing antibodies. Antibodies are what cause the release of histamine, a chemical that will trigger a runny nose, itchy or watery eyes, a sore throat, bad cough, and so on.

It can be hard for students to decide whether or not they actually have seasonal allergies or if it's just the common cold because so many of the symptoms are similar.

"Not a whole lot of people have been in for allergies lately. There have been more people sick due to viruses and those sorts of things," said Abby Provost, a registered nurse at the Brown House. "We don't have a lot of students coming to us about springtime allergies as often as we do during the fall season. It seems there are a lot of other things on people's minds because it's the end of the year."

Freshman atmospheric science major Quinn Rambo says that he started to suffer from allergies towards the end of this year's baseball season.

"I've never had such an issue with them before," says Rambo, "I started to get headaches and a stuffy nose at the end of the season. I know I could have had it checked out at the Brown House, but I felt that that was pretty low on my scale of things of importance."

Students don't have to suffer from their springtime allergies. You can receive fast relief with over the counter antihistamines like Zyrtec and Benadryl from the Brown House. They are also sold at stores like Rite Aid and Kinney Drugs if you would prefer to go purchase your own. Multiple brands of eye drops and nasal sprays are also out there to help ease your troublesome symptoms. Allergies may not be curable, but at least they're treatable.

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2010-2011: A year in Lyndon

Women's basketball

For the first time since joining the North Atlantic Conference, the Lady Hornets clinched a playoff berth with a 7-7 record and lost 77-51 to University of Maine at Farmington in the first round.

Sophomore center Donna Lawson was named to the NAC first team, averaging a best in conference 10.3 rebounds per game on the season. She also averaged the second most points per game with 17.2. Freshman Ariel McConkey, a spring semester transfer, quickly had an impact on the Hornets, and was named NAC player of the week several times throughout the season.

Senior guard Stephanie Barclay led the team in assists with 66, while junior guard Naomi White was second on the team in points per game with 12.8, overall points (307), and rebounds with 168. White also led the team in free throw percentage, hitting 79.6 percent of her attempts. Senior guard Shauna Buck led the way with a conference best 77 steals.

Women's basketball player of the year Donna Lawson

Lawson was named player of the year for the women's basketball team by head coach Vinnie Maloney. In her second season with the Hornets, Lawson was named to the NAC first team and led the conference in rebounding with 10.3 rebounds per game. Lawson was difficult to guard for all NAC opponents, and was always a threat in the paint on both sides of the court. In a season of inconsistency for the Lady Hornets, Lawson could always be relied on for offensive production and defensive help.

Men's lacrosse

In a spring that featured no home games for the lacrosse team, the Hornets clinched a NAC playoff berth despite having a 2-9 record (2-5 in conference) and lost to Maine Maritime Academy in the first round 22-3.

Senior attack-man Chris Mansour led the team in goals with 31, fifth in the conference, while freshman goal-keeper Matt Reynolds had 139 saves for the Hornets, fourth among conference players.

Men's lacrosse player of the year Ryan Brown

"Lyndon State Lacrosse Player of the year 2011 is Ryan Brown," said head coach Tim Tierney in an emailed statement. "'Brownie' is a leader on and off the field. All out hustle every game with a great knowledge and passion for the game. He also scored eight goals and had a couple of assists which is pretty great for a defenseman. He also played some midfield at the end. Ryan plays with intensity and makes his teammates better. He could shut down some of the best offensive players in the league and then take it full field ending with a quality shot."

Women's cross country

Although the women's cross country team did not have quite as strong a season as their male counterparts, it was still a successful season for the Lady Hornets.

The women's team finished second in the NAC, with Nicole Brown and Allynne O'Hearn both named to the NAC first team. Leah Morgan and Susannah Powell were both named to the second team, as well.

The women were also named to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association 2010 Division III Cross Country all-academic team with a team GPA of 3.12.

Women's cross country player of the year Nicole Brown

Sophomore atmospheric sciences major Nicole Brown has been named The Critic's pick as women's cross country player of the year. She was named a NAC first team selection and led the way for the Hornets in the championship race, finishing seventh in the 5K with a time of 20:42:92.

From left to right, women's basketball player of the year #23 Donna Lawson, Critic athlete of the year Jason Gray, who plays soccer and men's basketball, and Patrice Lumumba, the Critic's selection for men's soccer player of the year.

Team of the year

Men's cross country

The only Lyndon team to win a North Atlantic Conference championship is The Critic's pick for team of the year.

In addition to winning a championship, the team was also awarded the NAC first team. The Hornets were also the only team named to the NAC first team. The Hornets were also the only team named to the NAC first team.

Michael Farmer, Wildens Fils, Joshua Grant, Kenedi Hall, Craig Hall was also named Rookie of the Year, and head coach Chris Ummer.

Men's cross country player of the year Joshua Grant

The Critic has selected Josh Grant as the men's cross country player of the year and first for the Hornets, with an 8K time of 26:46.35. Grant is very successful in a schedule that includes a healthy dose of calculus.

Coach of the year: Chris Ummer

Men's Cross Country coach Chris Ummer has been named the Lyndon State College coach of the year by The Critic staff. Under Ummer's tutelage, the Hornets ran all the way to their third NAC championship in a row in 2010.

In addition, the team received several honors for its 2010 performance, including the NAC team sportsmanship award, and was named a prestigious national all-academic team at the NCAA division III level. It is a truly rare feat to see a team win both the sportsmanship award and the championship, but as some may say, success breeds success.

Ummer also oversaw a women's cross country team that went on to place second in the conference, an improvement from third place a year before.

Men's basketball

In the biggest turnaround among Lyndon teams, the Hornets flipped their wins vs. loss record from 4-10 in 2009/2010 to 10-4 in 2010/2011, and made it to the NAC championship game at Husson University.

The Hornets playoff berth was the first since LSC joined the NAC in 2008. After earning a NAC first round bye, the Hornets held off a comeback attempt from Thomas College in the final seconds of the game to hold onto a 111-108. The following day, the Hornets faced Husson University to try to take home the championship title, but fell short 73-73.

A core group of freshman, led by Antonio Mena and Phil Warrick helped the men's team breakthrough to become a successful underdog team. Warrick was named NAC rookie of the year and a NAC first-team honor while sophomore forward Jason Gray was named to the NAC second team.

Mena was fifth among conference players in rebounds per game with 6.8, while junior guard Ben Sackett led the conference in three point shooting, making 44 percent of his attempts.

Men's basketball player of the year Phil Warrick

It's rare to see freshman win many awards, but The Critic has selected guard Phil Warrick as the men's basketball player of the year.

In his first season with the Hornets, Warrick was an important ingredient in the team's championship run. He was named NAC rookie of the year and was also the only Hornet named to the NAC first team. Warrick was third in the conference in points per game with 18.7, and scored 506 points on the season.

Lyndon State sports

the year: country

ship in the 2010/2011 academic season, the Men's Cross

and the prestigious NAC sportsmanship and saw six runners be named to the United States Track and Field and the NAC to be named to the United States Track and Field and the NAC academic team. The team had an overall GPA of 3.13. Grant and Dylan MacNevin were all named to the first team. Grant was named coach of the year.

er of the year. Grant finished second in the NAC championship race and was successful in the classroom as well, despite a rigorous academic

Athlete of the year: Jason Gray

Only in his second year wearing a Hornet's uniform, sophomore Jason Gray is The Critic's choice for LSC athlete of the year.

Gray, who starts for the men's basketball at forward and the men's soccer team at goalkeeper, was named to the NAC all conference second team for both sports. He led the conference in total saves during the soccer season with 146 and save percentage, saving opposing shots at a .854 clip.

On the basketball team, Gray led the team in overall rebounds with 166 and was second on the team in points (276) and points per game with 20.2. He shot 73.8 percent from the free throw line going 45-61.

Men's soccer

It was a tough end to a great season for the men's soccer team, as the team defied the odds to make it to the NAC championship game before losing to Thomas.

The Hornets stunned number #1 seed Castleton State College on the Spartans home field by a score of 3-1 in the NAC semi-finals for Lyndon's first victory over CSC since 1998. The Hornets then lost to Thomas 3-1 at Thomas College in the NAC title game.

Sophomore goalie Jason Gray and junior midfielder Kyle Mecham were named to the NAC second team.

Men's soccer player of the year Patrice Lumumba

The Critic's pick for men's soccer player



of the year is sophomore forward Patrice Lumumba. Lumumba was part of a larger team effort that took the men's soccer team to the North Atlantic Conference title game.

Lumumba took home NAC first team honors and was second among all conference players in goals scored with 11 and points with 25. He could be counted on in the clutch, as he was first in the conference in game winning goals scored, with five on the season.

Women's soccer | Softball

Following a fantastic 5-1-1 start to the season, the women's soccer team struggled down the stretch, going 1-9 in the season's final 10 games, and missed out on the NAC post-season.

It was a stark contrast between the conference and non-conference games for the Lady Hornets. They shut out four non conference opponents before being shutout themselves in seven of the last eight games of the season.

Two bright spots for the Hornets were juniors Samantha Smith (goalie), and forward Michelle Wilcox. Smith led the conference in saves with 151 and placed fourth in save percentage with .821. Wilcox, a captain, was second on the team in points and goals scored, while junior Samantha Bergeron led the team in both categories.

Women's soccer player of the year Michelle Wilcox

The Critic has selected junior midfielder and team captain Michelle Wilcox as the women's soccer player of the year. Despite suffering a poor end to the season, Wilcox kept her team motivated to the end. Wilcox, one of two team captains, was named to the NAC second team and was credited with fifteen points (goals, assists) on the year, second best on the Hornets. Her contributions to Lyndon extend beyond the field, as Wilcox spent this past year working as an RA and is an academic achiever.

For the softball team, a year of high hopes ended with a playoff berth and tough 3-1 loss to Maine Maritime Academy.

The team had originally planned to go to spring training in Florida during February break, but those plans unfortunately fell through. Coupled with only one day of home games following a snow start to spring, the team finished with a record of 8-17 overall, and 4-10 in the North Atlantic Conference. Despite their disappointment, the team still managed to double their win total from 2010.

Among the standouts this year was freshman pitcher Meghan Gadapee who went 7-11, dishing out 18 complete games on the season. Her seven recorded victories on the year placed her with the fifth most wins among NAC pitchers.

Freshman outfielder Kelly Butler and senior first baseman Mary Gagne both were tied with the team's best batting average, batting .338, and RBI's with 16. freshman Tia Billado lead the team in RBI's with 27 and posted a .303 batting average on the year.

Softball player of the year Meghan Gadapee

"We have chosen our pitcher, freshman Meghan Gadapee," said softball head coach Jennifer Layn in an emailed statement. "She is a very talented junk ball pitcher; she pitches around the batter and is very consistent around the strike area. When she is on the mound she is only thinking about the zone and pitching the right pitch for the hitter to pop up, strike out, or hit a ground ball!"

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Softball seniors Shams, Gagne say adios

Nick Russo
Sports Editor

Two softball seniors have said goodbye to the Hornets following their postseason appearance almost two weeks ago.

Senior captain Natalia Shams and first base player Mary Gagne are both set to graduate on May 15. They are both leaving behind a softball team that shows a lot of promise for future years.

"It hasn't hit me that it's over," Shams said when asked how it feels to be done with softball. "Even after MMA [Maine Maritime Academy] I wasn't upset, I don't cry after games. It's obviously really difficult because I've been doing it for four years and that's all I really know. Each year has been incredibly different; I only wish the best for the team."

Shams, who has been a captain for two years, says coaching is her next stop in the world of softball. Shams, along with Gagne and freshman shortstop Chelsea Watson, will be coaches at a national Nike camp this summer. She says her most memorable moment as a Hornet came just a few short weeks

ago.

"I've played every position at Lyndon State, and this year my coach put me in for an inning just to say I've done it," she said. Shams went on to thank her teammates, saying the team deserves all the credit because "there's no me without them."

Beyond softball, Shams has been a Resident Assistant for three of her four years at Lyndon State. She says being an RA has been one of her most rewarding experiences at the college because it has allowed her to meet almost everyone on campus. She encourages underclassman to get involved in athletics, campus life, and academics.

"A lot of people don't play sports because they're concerned it might take away from academics, it (being an RA) shows you can do both and be successful at both," said Shams.

Shams has already been accepted to study at Graduate School abroad at the Royal Holloway University of London. She plans to



Natalia Shams warms up with her teammates for one of the last times.

Photo by Sam Monroe

earn her masters in international relations and hopes to be a diplomat, but isn't 100%

sure if that will work best.

Gagne, on the other hand, played three years and took

her junior year off. She says her career at Lyndon was book-ended by memorable freshman and senior years.

"My freshman year I went to nationals which was pretty special," said Gagne. "And this year at the end of the year, almost every girl thanked me and Natalia for being there this year and helping them. We were in a different league, only 8 teams in that league. This year's team was about on par with that team, but the conference wasn't as competitive."

Gagne, an exercise science major, says she looks forward to working alongside Shams and Watson at the Nike camp this summer. She hopes to find a job in sports management soon as well. Gagne says the realization that she has reached the end of her years playing varsity softball is tough to handle.

"It's hard knowing that part of softball is done for me, being a player," she said. "I'm going to go on and coach but there's always going to be complete side to me."

A year in Lyndon State sports continued

Women's tennis

The women's tennis team had another successful season in the fall of 2010 after beating Johnson State 7-0 in the North Atlantic Conference East semi-finals to move on to the NEAC championship game, where they lost 8-1 to Castleton.

The team finished as the NEAC runner-up and went .500 in the conference, with a 5-6 record overall. Senior Jenn Falsetti and freshman Kayla Flynn were named to the NEAC singles first team at the conclusion of the season.

Flynn, alongside sophomore Maria Parr, was named to the NEAC doubles first team. In addition to the above honors, Flynn was named NEAC rookie of the year and Falsetti was named to the all-tournament team.

Women's tennis player of the year Jennifer Falsetti

Senior Jenn Falsetti is The Critic's choice for women's tennis player of the year. She was named to the NEAC singles first team for her performances as the number one singles player on the Hornets. Falsetti made a remarkable comeback after re-joining the team from taking a year off to work on News 7.

Men's tennis

After a slow 0-3 start, the men's tennis team fought back to a finish with a record of 4-4 in the North Atlantic Conference in absence of head coach Geoff Davison.

The season ended on Saturday for the Hornets after losing 3-6 to Johnson State at Castleton. The team's strongest performances came against Green Mountain, who the team beat 9-0 and 8-1.

Number one singles player, sophomore Mike Howard, had a 4-3 record in NAC single matches on the

season. Number two singles player, sophomore Tyler Schofield, finished with a 5-3 NAC record and was named player of the week for the week ending April 18.

Number three singles player, senior Jeremiah Powell, went 4-4 in conference matches, while Freshman Dan Weiner pulled off a 3-1 conference record in number five singles.

Men's tennis player of the year Michael Howard

The Critic has selected Michael Howard as the men's tennis player of the year. Despite limited coaching this year, Howard found success at the elite level, going 4-3 in conference games when playing in the number one singles slot.

Baseball

The baseball team had to face another rough season in

2011, going 3-13 in the NAC and 6-22 overall, missing the postseason by one win.

Second baseman Kyle Whitworth lead the team in batting average, batting .327 in 55 at bats, while sophomore pitcher Isaac Earle lead the team in wins and games pitched, going 2-5 on the season. Senior catcher Jake Ainsworth set the mark for put-outs with 155 and posted a team-best 13 RBI's on a .208 batting average.

Baseball player of the year Jake Ainsworth

The Critic has chosen senior first baseman Jake Ainsworth as the baseball team's player of the year. He posted a .966 fielding percentage and led the team in put-outs with 155 and RBI's with 13. He also earned a .347 on base percentage with sixteen walks and scored 12 times.

Volleyball

It was a very tough season for the volleyball team following a mid-season ankle injury to sophomore Maegan Fried.

The team went 0-6 in the NAC and 3-17 overall, a disappointing end to a season that head coach Sean Fisher had high hopes for. Senior Christine Bailey led the team in kills with 66 and points with 92.5.

Volleyball player of the year Allison Ciaramitaro

The Critic has selected senior Allison Ciaramitaro as the volleyball player of the year. The first ever volleyball player to play for four years on the varsity team at Lyndon, Ciaramitaro helped build a program from the ground up. In her final year with the Hornets, she led the team in digs with 155.

Women's lacrosse coming to Lyndon

Jackson Stewart
News Correspondent

17 girls on campus this year have shown enough interest to bring a women's lacrosse team to Lyndon State College.

Beginning next year, the team will be in its club sport phase and the following year the team can be a varsity level sport. In order to become a varsity sport, however, an-

other men's sport must be added as well. For now, the women's lacrosse team is just looking to get off the ground.

"Hopefully we will be able to fundraise some money for uniforms and equipment. Right now all the girls are strong and have different qualities," said freshman Mindy Compo.

Across campus the idea of a women's lacrosse team is spreading and getting stu-

dents excited.

Women's lacrosse is played with twelve people on each team. Because women's lacrosse is a non-contact sport, it looks much different than men's lacrosse. The goal of the game is to get a rubber ball into a goal net by using a stick with a net on the end, just like in men's lacrosse.

Through the use of good body positioning and stick checks, the defense hopes to

prevent scoring. One excited sophomore, Ashley Macauley, is no stranger to the game.

"I've played since the fifth grade. I think this is great LSC is starting a team. It's been a long off season," said Macauley.

Compo hopes to have the prospective players get together a couple times this year to see where skills are strong and what needs improvement. "I would like to

get some team bonding in so we know how each other work," she said.

The buzz around campus is encouraging the women's team on. Even players from the men's team are willing to reach out and help the new team get on track. With the drive to try something new and the support of the college behind them, a great first season is the team's goal now.

Lacrosse seniors look forward to future endeavors

Ricky Paparo
Critic Staff

All of us must part ways with Lyndon State at some time and for several lacrosse players the day has come where the Hornets must take the next step in their lives.

This can be awfully difficult for student athletes, as they part way with not just the college, but the program and teammates they were associated with. The camaraderie formed within a sports team is something that sticks with the individuals and is part of what shapes the person they become.

Lyndon State's lacrosse program says farewell to four seniors this year. Colin Blanchard, Alex Cerone, Keenan Chenail, and Chris Mansour make up the group of Lyn-

don's departing graduates.

Chris Mansour, originally from Mansfield, Massachusetts, led the team with 31 goals in his final season, ranking him 31st in the NAC. Mansour has been a dominant force in the program during his time at Lyndon, bringing size and talent to the squad.

Mansour reflected on his career at LSC and mentioned one specific memory.

"I think the first game at Mitchell stands out for me," said the senior enforcer. "It was my first game on the field since playing in high school. I didn't expect to play after high school, so it felt good to be on the field again."

Blanchard was new to the sport of lacrosse when he came to Lyndon, but he picked the sport up quickly. He remembers one game

against Green Mountain that sticks out as one of his defining moments.

"I would have to say my first goal was pretty memorable," said Blanchard. "It was a fast break, I passed it to a teammate who then shot, I grabbed the rebound and put it in. It was a garbage goal, but it still felt good."

Mansour recalls another moment with the team that he described as "glorious".

"It was senior day this year, and the whole team had a breakdown at half," Mansour described. "We came back in the fourth quarter from eight goals behind to bring it to overtime."

Mansour contributed five goals in the final quarter, as well as the overtime winner, earning the team a playoff spot.

"It was one of the greatest comebacks I have ever witnessed," he elaborated. "We all just collectively got it together and did work."

After parting ways with the college, Blanchard plans to continue playing lacrosse in a men's league. He also hopes to put his Exercise Science degree to use, working in cardiac rehab, and possibly eventually working in a hospital with recovering patients.

As for Mansour, he also plans to continue playing lacrosse. He recently tested for his strength and conditioning certification, and plans to pursue a job in that field. Both mentioned the desire to coach lacrosse, starting with high school, and possibly going further.

Following their departure

from the college and the athletics program, the soon to be graduates want to see the Lacrosse program evolve. Hopefully the future of Lyndon State lacrosse will consist of more experienced players pursuing the challenge of college level athletics.

Looking back on it all, Blanchard said "I enjoyed myself, I had fun every year."

Even though these seniors will not be playing lacrosse for Lyndon any more, this will not be their last time playing at the school. With fall comes the LSC lacrosse alumni game, where students and teammates, past and present, are reunited again on the same field. Hopefully the future will be bright for these Lyndon graduates, and the program they leave behind.

LSC sends athletic gear to troops

The life of a United States Marine in Afghanistan's Helmand Province is filled with danger — and periods of down time that, up to this point, they have had a hard time filling.

With the help of Lyndon State College, the Lyndon baseball team, and members of the community, their down time will soon be filled with recreation and athletic time.

Under the initiative of Lyndon student-athlete Cody Gage — who's father, Sergeant Paul Anthony Gage, a Marine stationed in Afghanistan — the school went on a nationwide search for donations of athletic equipment to send to the troops.

"It was amazing to see how willing the community was to help these Marines," said Lyndon's head baseball coach Ryan Farley. "We all seem to take for granted that Americans are overseas fighting for our country. It is a

good feeling to be a part of something like this."

Among the donations the school received were baseball bats, helmets, gloves, and balls; basketballs; volleyballs and nets; soccer balls; whiffle balls and bats; golf clubs and balls; Nerf footballs; Frisbees; kick balls; a dartboard; and more. Donations came from around Vermont, New York City, Florida and a former Marine stationed in Germany.

During the baseball team's first home game of the season, the Hornets flew an American flag in left field that Sergeant Gage had sent — a flag that had previously flown over Gage's base in Afghanistan.

Don Mersereau, a 1977 graduate of Lyndon who operates several UPS stores in the Burlington area, volunteered his time to package all the goods for shipping.



Bernie Hartshorn sits with the donated equipment that was raised during the Afghanistan Sports Equipment Drive before it is shipped to the troops.

Photo courtesy of Michelle Wilcox

Seniors look toward their fiscal responsibilities

Jason Zheng
News Correspondent

Senior students at LSC are beginning to make their financial plans as graduation draws near.

A lot of students agree that it's important to have a clear financial plan when they have fixed income, and before this happens, they should be prepared for it.

How seniors manage their earnings and how they improve money management skills after they enter society have gradually become a concern, because it will be of great influence to their normal life.

"Generally, I want to be concerned about paying off my student loans, because I have a bunch of those. I will go to a developed plan to pay that off in time at a regularly

scheduled amount, like paying a certain amount of money per week, per month and per year," said Daniel Hollis, a senior Television Studies major.

Because of different problems or different reasons, senior students have different methods to tackle them. "A good proportion of my income will be locked away, so I can't use that except for paying for my debt. Saving money is very important, because I don't want to depend on my parents in the rest of my life," Hollis added.

Ryan Bennie Lee is a senior graphic design major, living in Rita Bole Complex. He was planning to go to Japan to find a job, but because of the nuclear leak, he cancelled his plan. He also thinks it's really important to have a financial plan. "My financial

planning is to make money and save money as much as I can," Lee said.

Lee pays special attention to his money management. "I always keep my money in check every week. I'll also go online to check my bank account or go to the ATM to check the balance. I also plan to buy some savings bonds, because its interest is good," said Lee.

As for students' behavior of keeping track of money, some members of school staff have their suggestions. "I think it's good to keep accurate records and details of income and expense," said Cynthia Robertson, Assistant to the Dean of Administration.

She also has many suggestions to students who don't know how to keep track with money. "My husband

and I use a counting software called Quicken. It's an online check book register and can record every single kind of transaction," added Robertson.

There are also many sources off campus that are available to students who want to have a better control of their earnings. Paulsha George, Director of Payroll and Benefits, advised that senior students take some workshops provided by local banks. "I know that some local banks, like Passumpsic, will hold some courses to help people create a budget. The personal bankers will help create different accounts and teach how to use and balance accounts," George said.

Passumpsic Savings Bank provides free financial literacy programs to both students and adults. Twelve

schools in the Northeast Kingdom receive instructional course materials sponsored by the bank on how to open and manage a checking account and how to establish credit and understand the lending process.

PSB participates in the National Teach Children to Save Day by participating in classroom programs throughout the bank's market area. Bank staffs are also available to work with community organizations on financial literacy training programs.

George also suggested students search online information about getting started to make investments, saving plans and retirement plans.

Students can also refer to the Career Services Center for more information.

Summer courses are too expensive for some

Elyssa Ellis
News Correspondent

With the spring semester almost finished, only a week left many students are still trying to figure out whether they are taking a summer course or not.

At Lyndon State College, it costs \$343 per credit for a Vermonter, and for a Non-Vermont it costs \$514 per credit. The price difference between whether your in state or out-of-state is \$171 per credit.

Jacqueline Laviolette, a freshman at LSC said, "I think a good amount of students are receiving aid, most people I've talked to are in some way."

Most students I spoke to have no idea how much it is to take a summer course. At Lyndon to take a 3-credit course for an out-of-state student it would cost them \$1,542. Most courses at LSC are worth 3 credits or more. For many students it is a lot of money to be spending during the summer.

Laviolette also heard, "You need to be enrolled in six credits to receive financial aid."

The college is offering students some financial aid but people are also saying if you receive financial aid during the summer it takes away from their fall semester.

Freshman, Jeremiah Bouchard said, "It costs \$2000 per class and I don't think most students get financial aid, that's my guess."

The college has a page on

their website that reads "tuition and costs", but looking at it only really has the prices of the fall and spring semester. So many students don't know the price for the summer courses.

Heather Fortin said, "I don't know the cost, but I think it's like \$750 or something and I have no idea how many people get financial aid."

For many students it is too expensive to pay for tuition for both the fall and

spring semester and then take summer courses also. If a student takes six credits it costs them around three thousand dollars.

Ashley Ahern said, "I know it's just over three thousand for six credits and after that it stays at one price. You don't pay more than that."

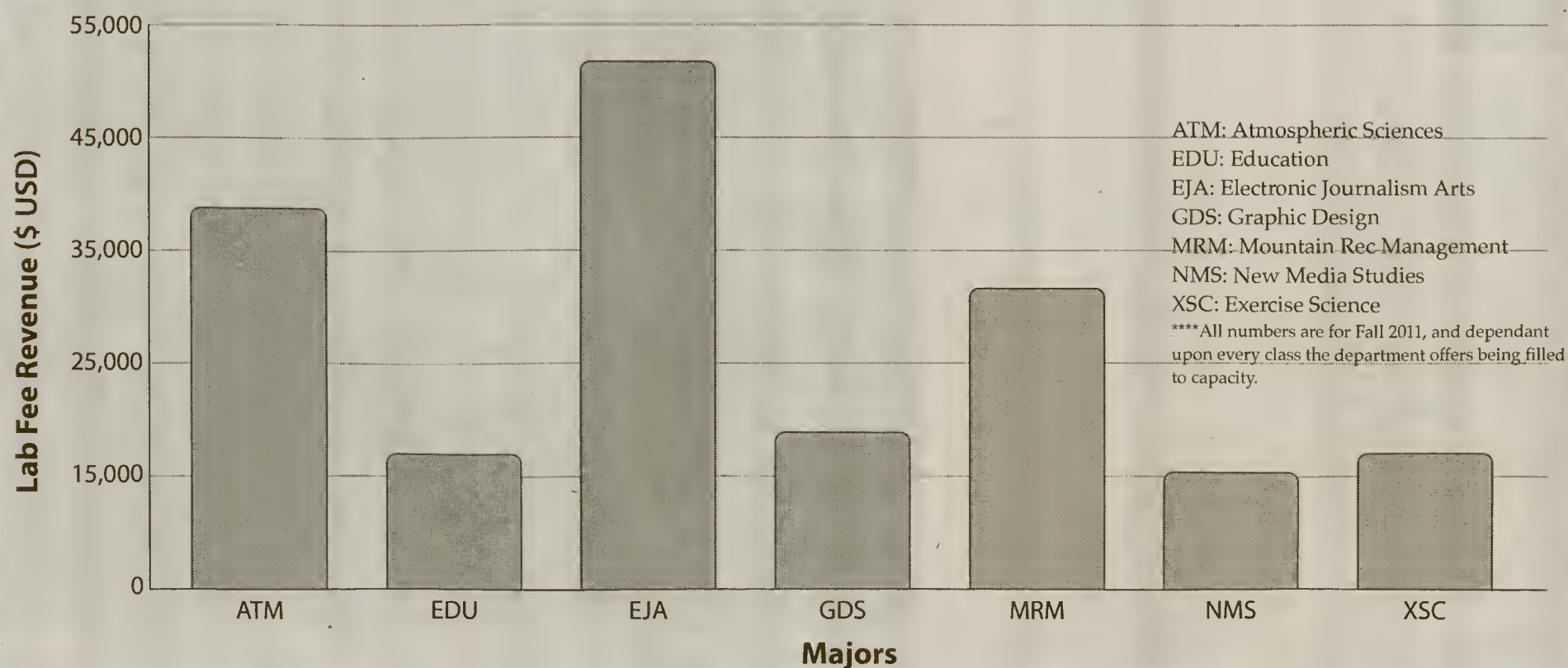
Students are receiving some financial aid from the school, but students are paying with loans and saving their money.



Photo courtesy, ALD

On May 1, 2011, 27 students were inducted into LSC's Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. To achieve this honor, the students had to obtain a minimum 3.5 GPA and be in the top 20% of their class for their first year at LSC. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national organization that encourages superior academic achievement, promotes intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and assists students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society. Congratulations to the new ALD inductees at Lyndon!

Lab fees add up for departments



The above graph breaks down lab fees for some of the departments on campus. All numbers are dependant upon all classes being full.

Graph by Caleb Dudley

Sam Monroe
Editor-in-Chief

In a tight economy every dollar counts. Budgets are balanced and followed more strictly than they have ever been; lab fees give the breathing room for departments to do what they do.

"They are sacred funds to us," said Barclay Tucker, the chair of the Visual Arts department, a department that charges anywhere from \$80 to \$140 for fees. "It's not something we play around with."

So what is this lab fee? Every Lyndon State College student will pay at least one before graduation, probably more.

"Lab fees are assessed to those classes that have some sort of unusual quality to them," said Donna Dalton, the Dean of Academic Affairs. "It's not just the standard sit-in-class and have a professor talk at you."

About 65 percent of the classes offered at Lyndon next fall will have some sort of lab fee attached to them. Some majors, such as electronic journalism arts, have lab fees for every class, while other majors only have one or two fees.

Most students will have to pay some sort of lab fee, such as in ENG 1051, which is required for every student. This class has a \$10 lab fee associated with it, as does ENG 1052. Most science classes have a lab fee associated with them to pay for materials each semester. Need a to take a non-credit math class? \$5 for the Accuplacer test. Every first semester student needs to take INT 1020, at a cost of

\$55. HUM 1030? That will be \$20, please.

Those GEU courses that have fees attached to them all have some sort of technology or equipment usage that goes along with them.

Students are responsible for paying the fees, which means the college must approve them before it can add

makes the education. And on top of tuition dollars, lab fees help give students that experience.

"Those classes [with lab fees] may have a significant experiential component attached to them," said Dalton. "Students are leaving campus; they may be classes that require certain types of mate-

in their field and other students from across the country.

Excluding the professional experience fee, exercise science charges between \$25 and \$50 for fees.

The conference is also host to The College Bowl, a competition Sgherza refers to as the "exercise science super bowl." It gives students a

those fees can purchase anything from medicine balls, to agility ladders, or any other type of health and fitness equipment used in the classroom.

EJA is another department that has lab fees for nearly every class. Unlike visual arts, the lab fees in EJA are not designated for a specific class. Instead, the lab fees are pooled together to be used throughout the major. EJA students will pay anywhere from \$80 to \$120 for fees next semester.

"The equipment that they are using, a lot of it is going out in the field," said Dalton. "All it takes is a drop or two, even without a drop those things have just a year or two life expectancy. Those students do a lot of fieldwork. They are going out and covering stories and there is a bunch of software unique to that program."

"Any time you have software unique to that program, the fee covers it," Dalton said.

Atmospheric science students are also charged fees for almost every class they take. Those fees range from \$30 to \$120. According to department chair Nolan Atkins, the fees change for how intensive the classes are.

"Some are research intensive," said Atkins. ATM uses the fees to first purchase course specific equipment. For example, one freshman-level class launches weather balloons as part of the class, so the fees purchase the balloons. Other expenses cover things that the entire department needs in order to function. Those cover equipment such as computers.

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- Barclay Tucker, professor and chair of the visual arts department

the fee to the bill.

"There is an approval process," said Assistant Academic Dean Deb Hale. "A faculty member may propose a fee, but it does have to be approved by the academic dean."

"The faculty member must be able to justify why it should be set at that level," said Hale, who couldn't remember a time where a fee had been rejected. She did say that some have to be toned back or justified a little more, but she couldn't think of any rejections.

Some lab fees, such as the ones in basic math classes, help pay for Accuplacer testing.

Lab fees also cover the Praxis test for education majors, so that a student can get financial aid or a loan to cover the cost instead of taking it out their pockets. The same goes for some educational trips.

At Lyndon the experience

rials or software that is fundamentally used for only those classes."

Visual arts is one of those departments. Students in specific classes pay lab fees in order to have access to certain labs and printers required to do their assignments. According to Tucker, theoretically students in those classes are the only ones with access to that equipment.

In the exercise science department the fees are course specific.

A fee that might jump off the schedule sheet at an exercise science student is the one associated with XSC-1260, Professional Experience. The fee is a mere \$450. What does that cover?

According to department head Anthony Sgherza that fee covers everything. The class is a professional conference held in Providence, R.I. and gives students a chance to interact with professionals

chance to show off their knowledge and compete against colleges from all over the country.

Professional Experience isn't the only exercise science course with a lab fee. 19 of 29 classes offered by the department next semester will have a lab fee.

Those fees go directly to the classes.

"Our policy and philosophy is that if [the fee] embedded in a course, that faculty member has the opportunity to spend it in that course," said Sgherza. He went on to say that the fees go for either applied equipment or research equipment.

Research equipment can be used for scales, blood pressure cuffs, or any other material used in either a lab. Applied equipment goes to purchase any equipment used in professional classes. Sgherza refers to the applied equipment as "toys." He says

New AMS executive board Summer is approaching: where will you go?



Left to right: Craig Johnson, Mike Michaud, Garrett Combs, Matt DiPirro, Mike Muccilli, Samantha Couture, Sullivan Brown, Alison Ciaramitaro, Bob Harris, George Krauszer, Jordan Sherman

Catherine Vitale Critic Staff

The American Meteorological Society/National Weather Association club has named a new executive board.

The new board took over on May 1, in preparation for the club's next storm conference. The board is responsible for picking the keynote speakers, booking the venue, and making the conference come to life.

Last year's executive board wasn't sure if it would have a storm conference this past March due to a total of about \$8,000 in debt that spawned from a problem with the previous year's board.

Last year's Treasurer Laura Lenfest will replace Samantha Couture as the club's new president. Lenfest played a key role in getting the club out of debt by managing its funds and its progress throughout the semester. Lenfest believes that her experience as treasurer and being able to get the club back on its feet will help her in her new role.

"It helps us figure out where we need to be for fundraising," Lenfest says. "Now that we're out of debt, we need to make sure that we stay out of debt for future boards."

Craig Johnson has never held a position on the executive board, but he will replace Matt DiPirro as Vice President. Though he has had no experience on the board, Johnson has been active in the

club and will bring fresh new ideas to the table. Johnson will be in charge of many things, including the club's website where members can check how many events they have attended and whether or not they have paid their dues.

Torrance Gaucher will take Lenfest's position as treasurer. Gaucher believes that this is an important position to fill, especially given the club's status last semester.

"I deposit and handle the money, and without any money the club couldn't run," Gaucher says. "I am also the voice of the club for the SGA." Gaucher has had experience as treasurer during high school and also has handled money for one of his relatives business.

Brian Knopick will take over for George Krauszer as Secretary. Knopick came to Lyndon State as a transfer student and brought along with him some ideas for fundraisers and improvements for this coming storm conference. Knopick believes, while keeping cost in mind, that the storm conference should expand to include people from out of the northeast part of the United States. He also believes that the club should reach out to the freshman who may not know what the club is.

"I want to get the freshman more involved and other people around campus," Knopick says. "Especially the freshman, there's been a decline over the past several years."

The AMS/NWA also has three more positions that are

not traditionally held in other clubs. The position of Public Relations is now held by Pat Hogan who succeeded Ben Sisskind. Hogan will now be in charge of sending club e-mails and communicating with the club members.

Rachel Kelley will replace Alison Ciaramitaro as Historian. It is the historian's job to archive the club's "memories" of events and members and keep track of "memories" from years past. Kelley was excited to be elected for the position.

"I went to storm conference as a prospective student," Kelley says. "I saw the board and thought I want to do that."

George Krauszer will take the position of Community Outreach from Garrett Combs. Community Outreach helps the club interact with the surrounding communities and gets both children and adults involved in weather through things like school visits and balloon launches.

The board hopes that with the debt off their backs they can worry about reaching out to their community, keeping their memories, and hosting a highly successful storm conference.

Ryan Longe Critic Staff

Well folks it's here! What's here? Warm weather, sun and finals...

'Tis the season of studying followed by a celebration, once finals are done and the last grade is posted on Blackboard. Now that summer is here, what are you going to do?

Well, summer can be fun even if you are working a full time job or not working at all. Here are some tips to have a fun and cheap summer break:

Gas prices are on the rise, some states are already at \$4 a gallon and still climbing. So before you embark on a road trip or take that flight, see what's cheaper. Calculate your average miles per gallon with your car with the average cost per gallon along your driving route. Then compare that number to if you were to fly, once that is done total up how much food and a motel is going to cost.

Driving is not always cheaper than flying. So carefully plan and calculate, you may find yourself saving hundreds and having a great

summer all at the same time.

If you are not looking to travel a long distance that's fine, take a hike, go for a swim, fish, spelunk, or check out local attractions. There are so many options and with the Internet it is so easy to find fun things to do in the area around you.

I bet if you go online and type in: attractions in 'insert town, state' you will find at least a half dozen places you never knew existed. Try something new, take up a hobby, break out of your shell and most importantly have fun!

It has been a crazy year, with classes, homework, tests, terrorists being outsmarted and protests taking place. So take a break and forget about Lyndon State College and have a vacation because before you know it you will be right back here studying hard and passing those classes.

If you are graduating this May, congratulations and great work. Before you embark on starting a job, pat yourself on the back and take a much needed and well-earned vacation. Good luck and have a great summer!

Cinco de Mayo

Emilie Lariviere Entertainment Editor

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated by more Mexican descendants in the United States than natives in Mexico.

Many people celebrate this holiday whether they are Mexican or not. Most use this holiday to hit up the bars or hang with friends. It's safe to assume everyone has heard of this holiday, at least all Americans, but the question is what is the real purpose of this particular day?

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory of the Mexican Army versus the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. This is not the Mexican Independence Day, as that occurred on Sept. 16, 1820. The way you celebrate this special day may not be the traditional way.

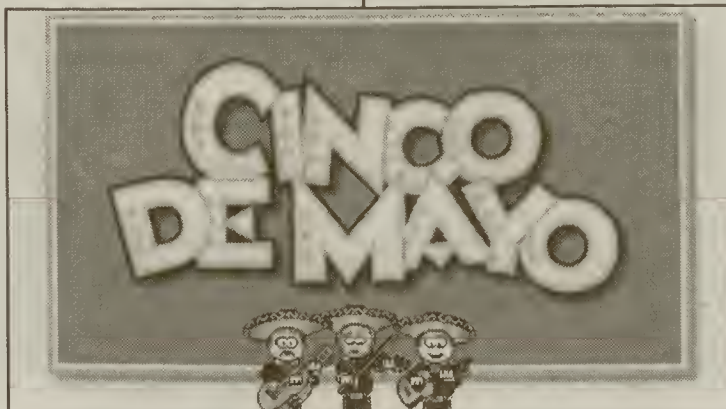
It's a day of parades, mariachi music, folk dancing and Mexican food. There is no set traditional food for Cinco de Mayo. It changes based on the family and the regions of Mexico. Many Mexican families will decorate their homes with the Mexican flag colors, green, white and red.

Traditional Mexican foods include guacamole, chilaquiles, enchiladas and mole poblano. In Mexican homes the food is presented with many vegetables and salsa to have a full array of colors. You can find a great recipe for guacamole in this week's Eating with Em article.

Even though this is thought of as a day for just Mexicans, it is also for America. This is one party that celebrates freedom and liberty.

Regardless of how you celebrate this holiday or just remember it is a day that Americans and Mexicans can celebrate their independence, it's not just a Mexican day. Hope you enjoyed your Cinco de Mayo.

Sources: vivacincodemayo.org and world-food-and-wine.com/cinco-de-mayo-food



Spring Day 2011



Photos courtesy Keith Chamberlin

Left to right: Students try out reach each other on a balloon game. Elyssa Ellis jumps down an inflatable slide. Michelle Wilcox fills up her plate at the BBQ. And two student joust each other.



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LSC IS GOLDEN

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Lyndon State College is not in a financial crisis.

Since coming onboard as interim president at LSC in early July, Steve Gold had only a couple months to get his bearings and deal with a college that he thought was in flux, but quickly found out that that was not the case.

"Despite the fact that there was an honest perception of being in a financial emergency or crisis, in fact we are not in an emergency or crisis," said President Gold, but he added that the school is far from stable. "We have to pay very close attention to what we are doing with our resources. The road ahead is not smooth in terms of our fiscal situation. We are going to continue to have to figure out how to be as efficient as we can."

After President Carol Moore announced her retirement in April, Vermont State College Chancellor Tim Donovan had little time to find a replacement and contacted Gold about possibly taking the position.

"After I picked my jaw up off the floor we had several conversations about it," he said. "Looking at this as a defined one year position I decided that it was an offer that was too good to refuse, and here I am."

President Gold may only be here for the year, but he has all the power and responsibility of the office he holds, including faculty and staff decisions. Last year students and faculty were upset about some of the administration's decisions because of the school's financial issues, including possibly not bringing back faculty. Students protested that they did not want to see teachers they loved not be brought back and the faculty were worried for their jobs.

"The chancellor brought it up to me a little bit, but I think he very deliberately didn't go into a lot of detail about it," said Gold. "He told me he was not interested in giving me a lot of information about that because he wanted me to recognize that there had been some turmoil on campus and some sense of crisis and emergency, but he wanted me to come up and find out about it myself."

While President Gold is aware of the unrest on campus last year, he wants to make sure the students come first.

"This organization doesn't exist for the sake of the employees," he said. "It exists for the sake of the students. The students really should be what are on everyone's mind here and not their own jobs. The reason we are here is to provide the best possible education that we can for the students that are here."

President Gold wants to be involved with the students during his short tenure. He already participated in a SOAR group with incoming freshman and plans to have dinner in the dining hall during the year to try to stir up conversation with the students and hear what is on their minds.

One of the things the president was pleasantly surprised about was LSC's focus on first-in-family students and brining in students from lower income households.

"It made me proud to be a part of a school like this and it fits in some ways what my whole career has been about," he said.



President Steve Gold announces President's List Photo by: Eric Blaisdell

President Gold's career has been focused on helping those in need from an administrative standpoint. He has been Vermont's Commissioner of the Department of Social Welfare, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Human Services, Welfare to Work Program Director, and worked 21 years in the alcohol and drug field with a focus on

prevention.

This is his first foray into higher education and for now he is just looking to be a leader and help the college move forward.

"I'm hoping to have a really great year of relative stability here on campus where people feel we are all in this together," he said.

Second Largest Class Enters LSC, Bringing New Possibilities

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

This year's freshmen are not just bringing their laptops and mattress pads on campus, they are also bringing along some questions.

With enrollment reaching record numbers this year, LSC is welcoming 281 Vermonters and 262 out-of-state students, making the class of 2015 the second largest class in Lyndon's 100-year history.

"There's a lot of different things that we can attribute this year's success to," Vincent Maloney, Associate Director of Admissions, explains. "We attribute a lot of it to our staff."

The admissions department brought in three new counselors, extended office work

for student workers, and extended the time spent traveling and in high schools. However, Maloney was quick to give credit to many other departments throughout the school saying, "It was definitely a group effort."

This was also a record year for the number of visitors on campus. "Of those seniors that visited, over half of those students deposited. I think that speaks volumes for what we do here," Maloney said.

"The VSC is strong," Maloney says when asked how other Vermont state schools did with their enrollment for this year. "Johnson State was right around where they've been in previous years, Castleton was a little bit below where they've been but they were

right there."

After last year's concerns about the financial stability of the college, many students and faculty wonder how the uptake in admissions will affect LSC's crisis.

"Is [the problem] completely gonna go away? No," Maloney explains, "What you have to understand is that, that problem, last year's incoming class, affects the school for four years because that class keeps moving on in the system."

Interim President Steve Gold warns against growth that may be out of proportion to Lyndon's current facilities.

"Growth for growth's sake can be destructive if we don't have the capacity on campus to do a good job," explains Gold. Though Gold does not plan on

starting many new initiatives this year, he does plan on pushing one.

"We need more housing on campus, especially if we continue to have the success with enrollment that we had this year and I have no reason to believe we won't."

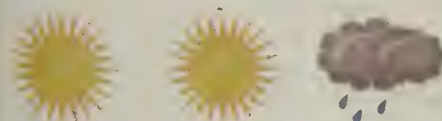
Gold believes that maintaining the small campus feel at Lyndon is a priority. "The question that is always evolving is what are the numbers that constitute a small college."

Though some might worry about maintaining Lyndon's small college feel, Maloney does not appear to be concerned. "This will always be the same LSC. It will always be the place everyone knows and loves."



Governor Shumlin addresses the NEK Collaborative Economic Summit at LSC. Gov. Shumlin was optimistic about a bright job future in Vermont and encouraged federal spending in the Northeast Kingdom. He also spoke of plans to bring high speed internet to the NEK by 2013.

Photo by: Sierra Willenburg



Saturday > Sunday > Monday
Courtesy of The National Weather Service

Campus Calendar

Sun. 9/11: Candlelight Vigil In Memory of 9/11
Mon. 9/12 & Tues. 9/13: Twilight Players Auditions
9/14 - 9/16: Spirit Week
Sat. 9/17: Faculty/Staff Yard Sale

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School Spends Millions

Improvements on Campus

Erin Milne
Staff Correspondent

Returning students will notice many improvements to the LSC campus this fall.

The largest project was the renovation of the Stonehenge parking lot, according to Tom Archer, director of the Physical Plant. The parking lot was completely torn up and replaced, and new LED lighting was installed. All outdoor lights on campus are now LEDs, Archer said, and he added that they use two-thirds fewer kilowatts than the previous lights.

An innovative aspect of the project was the installation of rain gardens, Archer said. The gardens, located next to and across the street from the parking lot, are designed to catch water that runs off the pavement. Archer said that as more areas become paved, water is unable to soak into the ground and instead runs off into rivers, causing them to rise and contributing to flooding. The rain gardens will catch water in a natural way and help reduce this problem.

In addition to the parking lot project, a new skate park and a basketball court are being installed on the opposite side of Lower Campus Drive.

These are expected to be completed before the end of September, Archer said. According to an email sent by the Physical Plant, the basketball court has the potential to double as an ice skating rink in the winter.

The Stonehenge project was contracted for a little over \$1.3 million, but total costs will likely be around \$1.5 million, funded through a bond, said Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administration.

A new elevator was installed next to the Activities building this summer. The elevator connects to the second floor of the Electronic Journalism Arts

Department. The elevator project is estimated to have a total cost of \$400,000.

Other projects include a new basement entrance on the north side of the Harvey Academic Center (HAC), refinishing of the floors in the Stannard and Bole gyms, repaving of the walkways near Wheelock, HAC, and Vail, and removal of a path next to the library pond.

Archer said that the bathrooms in Arnold were renovated as part of an ongoing project, and half of the buildings in the Stonehenge Complex now have new bathrooms. He added that the Gray House was repainted and receive new flooring.

The elevator project and the Stonehenge project were paid for through a bond that LSC will be paying off over the next twenty years with money from the school's operating budget.

The HAC project and gym upgrades were paid for with state money, Hamilton said. He added that the college receives state money for capital projects each year, and this money is used mostly for academic and administrative buildings.

The HAC project cost about \$110,000. \$100,000 is being split between the gym flooring and a new stage floor for the theater, which is expected to be installed over the winter break, Hamilton said.

The dorm upgrades were paid for in part with student residence hall fees.

Other less visible projects include the steam lines to the dining hall, which were replaced this summer after they began leaking.

"People say 'Where's all the money?' You don't see the heat, but it comes from somewhere," Archer said.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Outside of Wheelock, construction continues on the new walkway to The Harvey Academic Center.

Doll Replaces DeLeo

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

New Lyndon State Mountain Recreation Management Professor Sean Doll has worked in almost every department of the ski industry; now he has come to teach it.

"I've always enjoyed being a mentor when I was working in the field," says Doll. "I have a higher ability to do that in academia. I'm extremely excited to be at LSC."

Doll has wanted to teach for the past fifteen years.

While Doll worked with retired Professor Cathy DeLeo for around five years as a ski area representative, he heard about her coming retirement and put himself in the position to fill her position.

Doll received his Associate's degree in history and his Bachelor's degree in recreation in 1997, and just finished his Master's program for a degree in higher education.

Through his teaching, Doll says he hopes to bring to LSC "practical real world experience from being in the ski industry for over a decade."

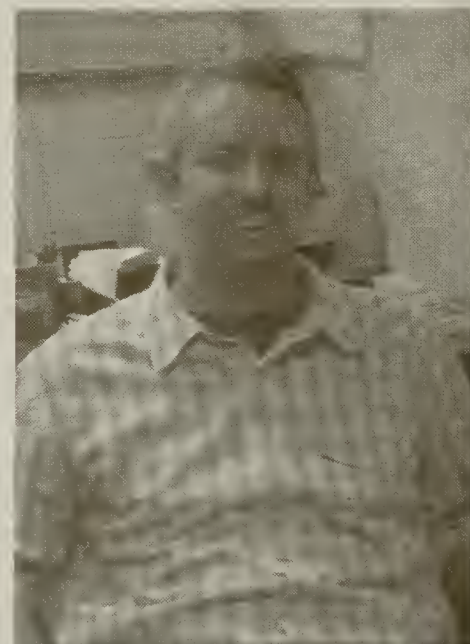


Photo by Sarah Aube

Sean Doll is the latest addition to the mountain recreation department.

In addition to his experience in the ski industry, Doll also worked in other areas of outdoor recreation. One of these jobs was at Yellowstone National Park where he entertained the staff by doing things like fly-fishing lessons and back-country guiding.

ATTENTION

**All Students who first entered
LSC in Fall 2010 or Spring 2011 are
required to participate in
Major Activity Day, September 16, 2011**

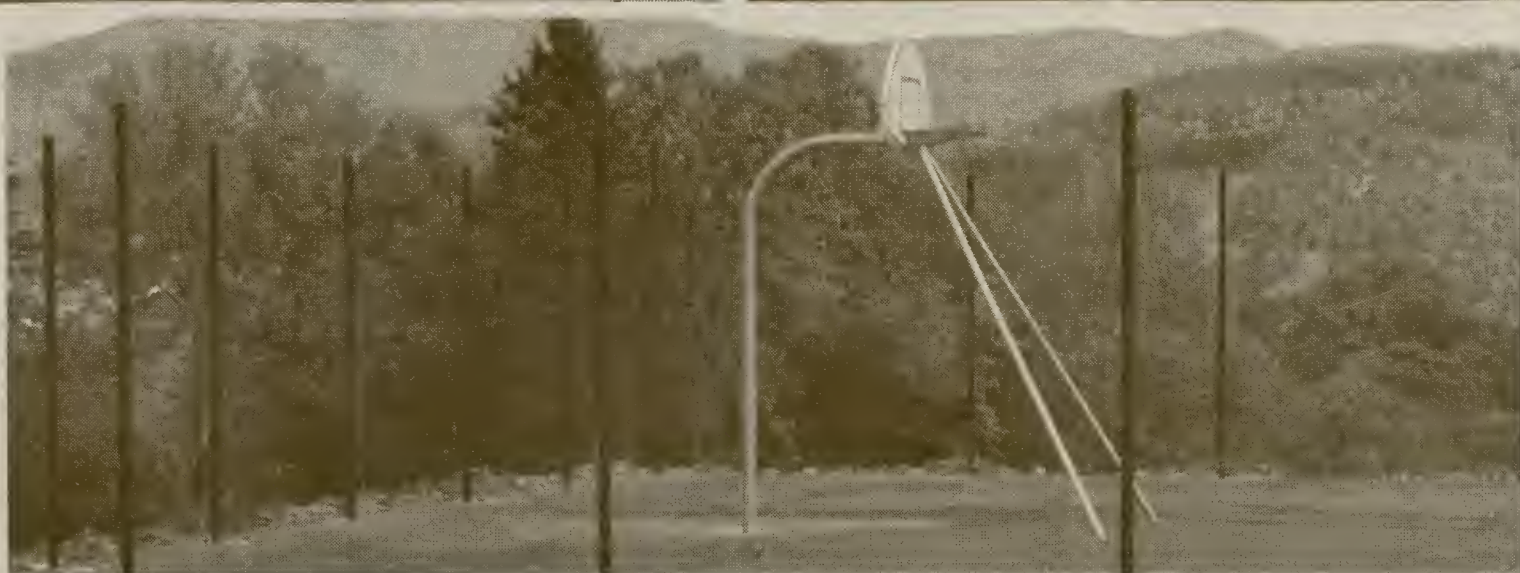
Major Activity Day provides you with a formal opportunity for second year students and faculty in each major academic department to engage in a significant first event of the 2011-2012 academic year. This will be a great way to re-connect with your Faculty, learn what your academic department has planned for this academic year, and more.

Please check your Lyndon email messages from Dianne Rivers about the logistics that have been planned for your major activity.



Clockwise from left to right: Progress made along the road and the new basketball court. The new parking lot, finally in use. Another picture of the basketball court as it nears completion.

Photos courtesy of the Maintenance Physical Plant



A New Face in the Library

Peter Nute
Critic Staff

Up-to-date resources for LSC students are becoming more available, thanks to newly hired Public Services Librarian, Graham Sherriff.

Sherriff is looking to continue the progress the library has made in recent years in providing students with an excellent, and up to date resources for their studies. Sherriff has lived and worked in two different continents and within three different time zones, and brings experience from a variety of fields, including investment consultancy, and education.

From the south coast of England, Sherriff went to the University of Oxford, where he studied modern history. He spent time working in investment consultancy before moving to Guadalajara, Mexico, to



teach English. When he left Mexico, Sherriff moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he worked in the library at Yale University, while his wife worked on her doctorate. The decision to move to Vermont came when his wife secured a position teaching Spanish Language and Literature in Norwich. Sherriff and his wife

viewed Vermont as a good place to move to. Together they have an eighteen month old son, and the education systems, surrounding areas, and the pace of life in the North Country was appealing.

Sherriff viewed the open position at Lyndon State as a "perfect situation" for him, given his background in history, library sciences, and his interests in community and culture. In his role as public services librarian, Sherriff will be running a series of tours, presentations, and workshops on how to use the library effectively. He will also be working on the school's library website and other online services. Some of his initial impressions of the college are the "beautiful setting," and the "relaxed and approachable faculty and staff."

Despite all the recent de-

velopments in digital publication, Sherriff does not believe "in the end of the Library." While he does suggest many libraries are taking on the "glory and horror of the web," Sherriff believes that the library is a necessary aid to digital publication.

Sherriff also believes that suggestions, good or bad, are critical to any organization's success, and believes this to be true about the library as well. He encourages those with sug-

gestions to reach out to him.

"The library needs life," he said with a smile, noting how happy and excited it makes him to see the semester starting; to see the students and faculty once again roaming the halls, backpacks over their shoulders and books in their hands.

As a man who has accomplished a lot, who has traveled and see the world, Sherriff is looking to bring his experience and a wealth of knowledge to Lyndon State.



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Lyndon State Gets Digital Laundry

Greg Besso
Critic Correspondent

At MacGray, the slogan is "Life Just Got Easier." At Lyndon State, that statement became true with the introduction of digital laundry.

Students living in Lyndon's residence halls can now use a digital laundry system known as Change Point.

The digital system started out as an experiment. The only Change Point interface installed last year was in Wheelock Hall. During the Wheelock testing phase, "students there liked it, we had a good response on that," said Erin Rossetti, Residence Hall Director of the Rita Bole Complex.

On laundry day in the past, students and hall directors were

required to visit a change machine to obtain quarters. However, with Change Point, all that is required is a debit or credit card. This makes things easier for everyone who needs to do laundry.

However, the digital laundry is not completely covering the campus yet. "The Gray House and Rita Bole are the only ones who don't have it right

now...The Rita Bole Complex will be getting it after their machines are upgraded to a system that can facilitate the use of the card-reading system."

Other colleges have already made the switch. "I had it at the college I used to attend...so I'm very excited to see it here as well," said Kayla Carlozzi, the hall director in Arnold and Bay-

ley halls.

Change Point digital laundry also makes life easier by making laundry room information available online. Residents have access to an online system that monitors the equipment in each laundry room and students can now plan accordingly. That reduces crowds and conflicts, making everyone happier.

Women's Soccer

Coach: Wendy Elles

2010 Record: 5-10-1

Who's back: Michelle Wilcox (M), Jesi Amsden (M), Melissa Rosato (D), Samantha Bergeron (F), Hilary Bonasera (F), Heather Fortin (F), Ceili Grinnell (M), Morgan Sanderson (M), Lindsey Warner (D), Kate Laskey (F)

Who's new: Tia Billado (GK), Kelsey Tweed (D), Megan Phelps (M), Jasmin Amaral (M), Megan Audet (M), Emily Strese (F), Sarah Cornell (M), Katy Ebner (D), Kaytlin Conley (M), Maria Barnes (M), Dannika Dombrowski (GK/D), Emily Boccio (F), Kayley Johnson (F), Adele Zeh (GK)

Who's gone: Chelsie Brown (D), Abby Fadden (D), Preslee Jacobs (F), Michelle Kittredge (D), Kaitlyn Lamb (M), Kate Laskey (M), Natalia Shams (GK), Samantha Smith (GK), Lynsey Hartshorn (F), Naomi White (M)

Strengths: "The biggest thing is just team chemistry. Certainly we'll hit some adversity and conflicts, but I just have the confidence that our togetherness will carry us through the season," said Coach Wendy Elles.

Weaknesses: "Getting in shape and staying disciplined defensively will key for us. Also, I would like for us to score more goals against tougher teams in pressure situations," said Elles.

Players to watch:

"Offensively a player that's going to help us out a lot is Emily Stresse. She's big, strong, and can shoot from long range. Defensively, I think Katie Ebner will hold the back for us pretty strongly," said Elles.

Big games: (*denotes home game):

Conference: Castleton*, Husson

Non-conference: MCLA*, Norwich*, Plymouth State*

Coach's final thoughts: "If we can carry over this energy and togetherness right now, that could make a contender in the NAC."

As for the players themselves, they do everything together.

Seniors Melissa Rosato (D), Michelle Wilcox (M), and Jesi Amsden (M) all think things will go well for the team in the 2011 season.

What they see the team doing: Rosato says: "I think we can use our potential to finish well at the end of the season."

Wilcox says: "It's not about where we finish, it's about where we begin. We'll have to take it one game at a time."

Amsden says: "I think we're going to have a really good start to the season, and hopefully we can keep it going throughout."

What their hopes are for this season:

Rosato says: "I'd like for us to score against Castleton and make the playoffs." Wilcox says: "I just think we need to play the role that we are given." Amsden says: "I really want to step it up this year, and help the team get ready for the future."



Above: Women's soccer team plays its first game

Men's Cross Country

Coach: Chris Ummer

Record: Won NAC

Seniors: Matt Carter, Michael Farmer, Wildens Fils, Craig Johnson

Strengths: "We have the experience on this team because we have won the NAC three years in a row," said Ummer. "A lot of the guys know what they need to do to get back there for a fourth title."

"We deal really well under pressure, and all season we trained really well" said Fils. "We accomplished our goal and I think when we set out to do something we can accomplish it."

Weaknesses: "No team has won the NAC title 4

years in a row, so the team is going to need to come together to win it," said Ummer.

"Our fitness level definitely needs to improve. Our practices, our meets, we really need to push ourselves as a team so that we can all perform to our potential," said Fils

Players to watch: Josh Grant, Kenedi Hall, Michael Farmer, Wildens Fils

Coach's Final Thoughts:

"Other teams have lost folks and two new teams have been added to the conference, so it's going to be a lot of new runners we will have to look out for to defend our title," he said.



Above: Women's volleyball team practicing for the coming season.



Above: Men's cross country team runs during their latest practice.

Women's Volleyball

Coach: Sean Fisher

Record: 3-17

Who's back: Jessica Walsh, Erica Ponte, Maegan Fried, Jaclyn Brett

Who's new: Sarah Adams, Kayla Cormier, Megan Darrigo, Morgan Diltz, Kayla Frates, Joy Piper, Wendy Rodriguez, Ariel Wright, Taylor Young

Strengths: "Volleyball is a quick game, so when you make a mistake, you got shake it off and that's where the team comes into play. We pick each other up really well," said Coach Fisher.

Weaknesses: "Playing for Lyndon State might be tough for the new girls because they don't know what to expect."

Big games: Johnson, Castleton, Green Mountain Coach's final thoughts: "I'd like us to control the ball and have more fun on the court," Coach Fisher said.

Freshman Outside Hitter Kayla Cormier believes that the team has come together pretty quickly.

"The experienced players were really receptive, and it helped us gel as a team right away," Cormier said.

As for the action on the court, Cormier thinks that transition from high school to college will be a mixed bag.

"I think some teams will be more challenging than high school, but other teams won't be as challenging," Cormier said.

Another promising freshman is Middle Blocker Joy Piper. Piper wants to make a positive impact even though she's only been on the court for a few weeks.

"I'd like to keep everybody upbeat when we're playing, even if we're losing," Piper said.

As for the veterans, Maegan Fried would like to have a rebound season.

"I was injured last year, so I'd like to get back and the court and win a few games," said Fried.

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Women's Cross Country

Coach: Chris Ummer

Record: Finished 2nd in the NAC

Returning Members: Cassie Tricou, Wendy Rodriguez, Holly Reed, Allyne O'Hearn, Leah Morgan, Gabrielle Mathewson, Megan Giguere, Nicole Brown

Strengths: "The team improved against the University of Maine – Farmington, the NAC Champion, as the season went on, and they are looking to continue that into this season," said Coach Chris Ummer.

"We have been working on a lot of different things, and Coach Ummer is very good about pushing us and making us better, so we have definitely been able to improve with his help," said Morgan.

Weaknesses: "We lost two very good runners in Sarah Leclerc and Susannah Powell, so other members of the team will need to improve and step it up this season so we can maintain a competitive team," said Ummer.

"We all came together last year and battled through some injuries, so as a healthy team this year, we can be very competitive," said Morgan.

Players to watch: Nicole Brown, Leah Morgan, Cassie Tricou

Coach's Final Thoughts: "Our goal is to remain healthy all season and win the Conference, and with the addition of two new teams to the conference, we will have to watch out for the new competition," said Ummer.



Above: Women's Cross country team runs with Coach Chris Ummer.

Women's Tennis

Coach: Sue Henry

2010 record: 5-6

Who's back: Kaitlin Cunningham, Erin Donnelly, Jenn Falsetti, Kayla Flynn, Margaret George, Kelsey Johnson, Maria Parr

Who's back: Kayla Flynn, Kelsey Johnson, Kaitlin Cunningham, Erin Donnelly

Who's new: Maggie Harrington, Hannah Frigon

Who's gone: Jenn Falsetti, Margaret George, Amber Hartmen, Maria Parr

Strengths: "Those that are apart of the team are committed to our team and committed to academics," said Coach Sue Henry.

Weaknesses: "Filling the last three spots is going to be a tough challenge for us," said Henry.

Players to watch: "Certainly Kaitlin Cunningham has improved her game tremendously. She's in better shape, and she's worked on her strokes. She's going to move up this year," said Henry.

Toughest opponents: Colby-Sawyer, Castleton Coach's final thoughts: "We would like to represent Lyndon State in the final four of the North Atlantic Conference."

Sophomore Kayla Flynn is a modest player.

Despite winning North Eastern Athletic Conference Eastern Division Rookie of the Year last season, Flynn is more concerned with what the team can do this season.

"We're just going to take it one game at time, and always focus on our upcoming game," Flynn said.

Even when it comes to her personal performance, Flynn's main concern is her relationship with her teammates.

"I'd like to stay mentality tough throughout a match, and work well with my partner in doubles," Flynn said.

Last season, Lyndon State lost to Castleton in the NEAC Eastern Division Finals. However, Flynn believes that the team's hard work in the offseason could help them win the NEAC Eastern Division Championship this season.

"I think what I learned from last season was that if you work hard, you can accomplish anything," Flynn said.

Men's Soccer

Coach: Pete Kellaway

Record: 12-5-3 Lost in NAC Championship 3-1

New to the team: Shawn Boyd (F), Mason Brewer (GK), Dylan Chase (F), Lueth Ajok Leuth (M), Jason Marks (GK), Eric Nelson (M), Shane O'Donnell-Leach (F), Tyler Powell (M), Griffin Randall (D), Quinn Rambo (M)

Strengths: "We have a very deep team this year. Some teams start to drop off in talent as they get to their bench players, but we have as many talented players as we ever had," said Coach Kellaway.

"We have a great group of guys. I think we have really great chemistry, even with the new guys we have this year," said Patrice Lumumba.

Weaknesses: "I think we snuck up on a lot of people last year, so I think this year we are going to be expected to continue to play well, which means team are going to be looking out for us." Coach Kellaway

"One thing we really needed to work on from our loss to Thomas last year was how we communicate. We need to work hard to communicate better, and that will lead to better chemistry when we play." Patrice Lumumba

Players to watch: Patrice Lumumba (F), Patrick Hilton (D), Kyle Waterman (D), Luke Haskell (D), Phil Curll (D), Shane O'Donnell-Leach (F)

Coach's Final Thoughts: "We have the talent and ability to win the NAC, but what we need to do is build championship habits every day from practice to the games. If we can do that, if we can be great every day and with the talented players we have, we can win the NAC." Coach Kellaway.



Above: Sophomore Dylan Chase practices to serve ball in front.



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Elegy for a September Morning

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Nathan Hale was the quintessential patriot who went to his death regretting that he had but one life to give for his country. Among Americans, patriotism has a special flavor, perhaps because America was born out of a belief in principles that were once thought to be innate and inalienable. And so we have something called Americanism and American values. Our House of Representatives once had a committee to investigate Un-American Activities and the Senate had hearings on much the same sort of things headed by the now infamous Senator Joseph McCarthy.

In the sixties, patriotism became less fashionable. The undeclared war in Vietnam splintered the country. Supporters of the war seized the title of patriot and castigated those that opposed it. They argued that fighting in Southeast Asia was necessary to defend liberty at home. Some 50,000 brave Americans gave their lives in

that conflict and many times that number returned scarred physically, or mentally, and often both.

To this day there are those who believe that we could have achieved victory, while others believe, just as firmly, that we had no business there in the first place. Next to the Vietnamese themselves, the biggest victims were the troops, mostly draftees, who returned home and found their neighbors and fellow Americans focusing on pretending or wishing the whole thing had never happened.

For decades, the word, Vietnam, was more a synonym for debacle and quagmire than the name of a country populated with individuals much like ourselves. University professors, government-funded think tanks, and best selling authors went over the whole affair from top to bottom. We would never repeat this. National interest would be the yardstick of all future wars. Objectives would be clearly defined and no conflict without an exist strategy. The draft ended and the day of the all-volunteer army dawned. Of course we continued draft registration. Just in case..

Suddenly, on a clear day in September, 2001, four commercial airliners became instruments of destruction and 3,000 innocents lost their lives.

Then the flags came out. Suddenly the government could do no wrong. Several journalists who departed in small ways from the official line lost their jobs. The President told the nation that the attackers "hate us for our freedom." The threat was met in two ways. Both houses of Congress quickly passed the USA PATRIOT Act, which had nothing to do with the U.S.A. or with patriotism. The name was a carefully designed acronym standing for **U**niting and **S**trengthening America by **P**roviding **A**ppropriate **T**ools **R**equired to **I**ntercept and **O**bstruct **T**errorism. The second part of the response was an assault against Al Qaeda, the presumed perpetrators, in Afghanistan. That stage ended quickly as top Al Qaeda leaders slipped out of our hands. What to do? Only the Taliban remained. Although they had

nothing to do with 9/11, they were fundamentalist Muslims (read extremists) and they did not permit women to attend school or do much of anything outside the home. So we attacked them and declared victory. Then there was Saddam Hussein. He also had nothing to do with 9/11 but he too was a bad guy (although women in his country could do pretty much anything they wanted). So we attacked him and again declared victory.

Now we are about to celebrate the tenth anniversary of all this and we've added a third notch to our gun in Libya. Again we are victorious and another bad guy is swept from power.

Meanwhile we remove our shoes and allow intimate inspection of our body parts at airports. We tacitly accept violations of the Bill of Rights in the name of homeland security and we are no longer allowed to visit friendly natives across our borders without a passport that is remotely readable. Worst of all, America is now so deeply in

debt that there is no way to repay that debt with tax revenues alone. Small countries sometimes ask that their debts be forgiven, but this hardly seems a viable option for America, the world's only superpower. Democrats and Republicans battle over budget and taxation issues, but the dollars at issue are chump change compared to the \$14 trillion we currently owe. Add to that all that America has committed to fund future obligations and the pool of red ink reaches the level of \$80 trillion.

And now we come to the tenth anniversary of 9/11. While we can be proud of the courage of our veterans and should give them the help and respect they deserve, can we feel the same pride toward the political leaders of both parties who have led us down this long path? Isn't it time to put politics aside and face grim reality? As Benjamin Franklin said: "We must hang together, gentlemen...else, we shall most assuredly hang separately."

What's making Ani angry this week? by Ani Pytlewski

For those of you who are reading this column for the first time, which is all of you, considering this is my first vent-sesh, my name is Ani, and a lot of things make me angry. Instead of verbally divulging all of my anger and irritating subjects on my friends, I decided I would

write this column, and divulge all of my anger and irritating subjects on the entire student and faculty body at Lyndon State College. To tell you the truth I don't know why I didn't think of this sooner.

Ugh, where do I begin? Let's start with MOODLE.

Alright LSC, we get it, you like change, and change is great... WHEN IT WORKS--not when you're trying to sign your employee time sheet, or register for a class, but the portal is "unavailable." On top of that, who the hell came up with the name "Moodle?" It's not like I

would be some big-wig tech person at a college, who had to choose the online database for students from a list and go, "Hmm, blackboard? No. Share-Point? Naah. MOODLE? YES! Because that sounds professional..."

You know what else makes me angry? Flooding. First of all, being wet isn't really my thing, so having my house, car, and all of my belongings wet on top of that, makes me pretty freaking livid. Sidenote: I do have to say that LSC made me the opposite of angry when they postponed the start of the semester. Whoever came up with that brilliant idea, I, Angry Ani, and the rest of the students and families affected by that bitch Irene, thank you.

Enough of the niceness, here's some more anger...

Chin straps make me angry. If you want hair on your face, why don't you just grow a beard? Period. Not, grow a beard, and then shave it so intricately that it outlines the edges of your face and accentuates your strong masculine wannabe Brat Pitt (who also makes me angry) jaw line. And also, if you've got that kind of "baby-face" cutesy look going on, let me be the first one to say a chin strap is NOT for you.

You know what really makes me angry? When I decide to wear a dress and cannot avoid the random townie question of, "YOU GOIN' TO A WED-

DING?" No I'm not going to a wedding you ass--I've decided to wear something that's not pants. I mean, why do people constantly ask me if I'm going to a wedding when I chose to switch it up and wear a dress. It's not like I'd ask every person wearing sneakers if they're going to their tennis match? It makes me angry that people around LSC don't understand that sometimes, believe it or not, girls wear dresses, REGARDLESS of a wedding.

Lastly, skinny eyebrows make me angry. I'm Greek, so I have what some would call, "bushy" or full eyebrows, and to tell you the truth, I look like a freak without them. That's actually a fact because this summer this girl practically waxed mine off. I have to keep them nice and groom them so that I don't look like I'm walking around with a caterpillar on my face, but when I went to get them cleaned up, the girl did a spotless job. And when I say spotless, I mean she left me with almost NO eyebrows. I looked like a middle school bitch that just discovered the tweezers. Yeah I know, I'm probably exaggerating, but I looked wakaflankin' ridiculous. And so do all the other girls who think that tweezing their eyebrows into straight lines is going to make them hot. So there you have it, I'm Ani, and I'm angry, and now you get to read about it.

Cryptogram

"Qg gdbth d usdgd mtdo lk ysditsz gl hgdxm pc gl lps txtwqth,

ypg rphg dh wpfe gl hgdxm pc gl lps ksqtxmh." --- Doyph

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A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters or symbols. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original sentence.

Today's Cryptogram clue: g = t

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Now unscramble the circled letters to finish the sentence.

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Spirit Week

Wednesday September 14th:
Theme of the Day: Wear your Resident Hall Colors
Rita Bole - Purple
Wheelock/ Gray House -Red
Whitelaw/ Crevcour - Dark Blue
Poland/ Rogers - Orange
Arnold/ Baley - Green
Communters - Yellow
Night Event: Water Balloon Toss, 5 pm, Lawn between Wheelock and Harvey.

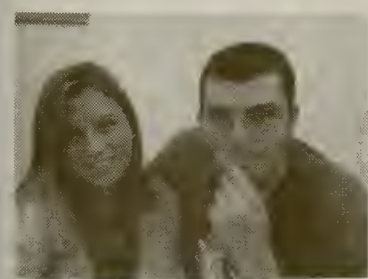
Thursday September 15th:
Theme of the Day: Sports Themed - Clothing that has to do with sports.
Night Event: Dodgeball, 7pm - 9pm, Bole Gym.

Friday September 16th:
Theme of the Day: School Spirit Lyndon
Night Event: Pie Eating Contest, 5pm, Lawn between Wheelock and Harvey.

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Dana Berlin
Year: Senior
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Major: Graphic Design
Dana in a nutshell: "I love sports, television, and my dog."

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Year: Senior
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Brittany in a nutshell: "I spend as much time as possible with my friends and summer is my favorite season."

If you would like to contribute to the entertainment section of the Critic, please contact us at either dana.berlin@lyndonstate.edu or brittany.valentine@lyndonstate.edu. Your contributions are always welcome!

Looking for Something to Do?

Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editor

Lyndon may be a small town, but that doesn't mean there is nothing to do in the area.

St. Johnsbury, just a few miles away, holds several places you and your friends can go to get away. Gold Crown Lanes Bowling Alley and Star Theater are two great places that are close by and reasonably priced. Catamount Arts is also located in St. Johnsbury, where movies,

live bands, dance performances, the art gallery, and other live shows are always on the schedule. Admission at Catamount Arts is free for Lyndon State students, with I.D

A little further away is Lake Willoughby. Though a twenty-minute drive, the beauty makes it worth it. In addition to the spectacular view, you can spend a day there swimming, kayaking, canoeing, and hiking.

Kingdom Trails in Burke is open until October 15th, so grab

your bike and get over there. When the snow arrives, Burke Mountain is famous for its skiing and snowboarding trails. Snowshoeing is also offered.

Do you want to get away from Lyndon for a day? Forty miles away is Littleton, New Hampshire. There are several shopping centers and restaurants, but what Littleton is really famous for is Chutters. Chutters is a candy store and it has the world's largest candy counter, stretching 122 feet.

NHL Exposure in the NEK

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

Hockey might not be the most popular sport in America, but in this area it gets more than its fair share of exposure.

Thanks to NESN, the Canadian Broadcast Company, and a combination of NBC and Versus, students will not go long without seeing a hockey game while flipping through channels. In any given week there can be ten games broadcast on television.

Being in New England, coverage of the Boston Bruins on NESN is mandatory, but because of CBC, NBC and Versus extra games can be viewed

every week. CBC covers three games every Saturday during the season showcasing Canadian teams like Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary and more. Versus, which is now owned by NBC, covers between one and two games per week broadcasting some of the most hot after games. As well as covering games on Versus, NBC covers its own game each week naming its broadcast the NHL "game of the week."

This is the first season after NBC and Versus merged together and the ten year deal they just signed with the NHL will allow coverage of ninety games on Versus and over twenty on NBC. This number is substantially higher from last

season when the two broadcasting companies were not one and Versus covered only 50 games.

In Vermont, and specifically at LSC, hockey-watchers are spoiled. Due to how far north and close to Canada they are, they are able to watch CBC. Other states are only subject to the two or even one network that broadcasts the hockey games.

While flipping through the channels in the North East Kingdom, hockey has and will continue to be a dominant entertainer. Students will be able to watch hockey almost every day of the week, leaving potential for the sport to become more popular in this area.

Get Out and Watch a Flick

Marc Samson
Photo Editor

Bored? Looking for something to do in the small rural area of Caledonia County? Why not try a movie?

Saint Johnsbury's Star Theater always shows three different movies at one time for your viewing. Prices range from \$6.50 for an adult and on Tuesdays you can get in for \$4.00. Regular Matinees are only \$4.00 as well.

As of today, they are show-

ing *Apollo 18*, a movie based on NASA's canceled trip to the moon, it directs in the style as if they did, with eerie happenings and disappearances.

30 Minutes or Less is a comedy about a Pizza Delivery boy, Nick, who on one of his runs, gets abducted by two criminals who attempt to get Nick to rob a bank. In his struggle he asks his best friend to help bail him out. In the adventure, they take many turns and twists as everything soon gets out of hand.

Our Idiot Brother is a comedy about a guy named Ned who only causes chaos in his mother and three sister's lives because of his drug bust in the past. All four are driven insane with his unwanted honest opinions and almost lose hope in helping him until they get a brilliant idea. What if everyone were as blunt and honest as Ned? Would it be possible for the world to be a better place?

For more information and show times, visit www.stjaytheatre.com

Recipe's With the Editors

Dana Berlin
Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editors

Ingredients
1 TBSP Margarine
4 Slices Bread, any type
1 TBSP Cinnamon Sugar

1 Apple sliced thin
1 TBSP powdered Sugar

Directions
Set oven to broil and let sit while you prepare. Spread margarine on top of each piece of bread. Place sliced apple

on same side of bread. Sprinkle Cinnamon Sugar and powdered sugar over apples and bread. Place bread on cooking sheet and place into preheated oven. Leave in oven for about two or three minutes or until completely toasted.

Weekly Horoscopes

Virgo
August 23- September 22
Feeling a little stressed? Take a break this weekend and enjoy some time with your closest friends. It will be worth it!

Libra
September 23- October 23
Hey Libra! Give home a call. Everyone misses you and want to hear all about your new adventures!

Scorpio
October 24- November 22
Scorpio, are you getting tired of doing the same the same thing every day? Get out and try something new!

Sagittarius
November 23- December 21
This week might not be the best, but don't dwell. Get back out there and keep your head up, your time will come

Capricorn
December 22- January 19
Good things are coming your way! So remember to smile!

Aquarius
January 20- February 18
Aquarius, one of your good friends will need you. So, remember to be there when they need you the most.

Pisces
February 19- March 20
New opportunities are coming your way! Don't be afraid to try something new. This may be your only chance.

Aries
March 21- April 19
Romance is in the air. This is your week—get ready to rock it!

Taurus
April 20- May 20
Have a lot going on and not sure what to do first? Buy a daily planner and write everything down. It will allow you to stay more organized and take away some of your stress.

Gemini
May 21- June 21
Stop feeling down! There is so much going on, you just need to open your eyes and find it. Good things are coming your way.

Cancer
June 22- July 22
Remember to keep up with all your homework. Stay ahead now, so you don't get behind later.

Leo
July 23- August 22
Take advantage of the resources around you. Don't be scared to ask for help.

Ten Years Later, LSC Vets Still Remember

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

The room was tense.

The tragedy of 9/11 can be hard for many Americans to talk about, but for those affected directly by the attacks or the consequent events, it strikes an even closer cord. So when I asked the Lyndon State Veterans Club to reflect on the tenth anniversary, the room was filled with sentiment.

"Right after 9/11 there was a caricature in the paper of a firemen handing a flag off to a

solider, saying 'You can take it from here,' and I believe we have," Mark Hoffman, president of the Lyndon State Veterans Club said emotionally when asked how he felt ten years later.

"I was pissed," Chad Abbott, a veteran and member of the club, said about his initial reaction to the attacks, "but I feel like I've done what I can." Abbott believes that due to amped up security and a greater education of the American people about the Middle East Americans are safer today than they were ten years ago.

Matt Wells, a veteran and a

student in the Exercise Science program, was inspired to join shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Wells would agree with Abbott's view of Americans, saying that since 9/11, "Americans are more aware that there are bad people in this world."

After 9/11, the United States started military operations in Afghanistan. Ten years later, there is still a military presence.

"When you ask people 'was [the war] worth it', you have to understand that this is their job," Allison Poulin, a Mountain Recreation Management senior and Coast Guard veteran stated.

"They wouldn't be doing it if it wasn't worth it to them."

Denis Querrard, a senior at LSC and new vice president of the club, believes the conflict in Afghanistan has been successful because we found Osama Bin Laden, but has mixed feelings about Iraq, "We served a purpose. Was it good or bad? That's going to be up to historians and future generations."

There will be three events this Sunday, September 11, on the LSC campus. At 11 a.m. there will be a moment of silence in the Student Center led by Sen. Joe Benning. Later at 1

p.m. there will be an afternoon of service at the Alexander Twilight Theater. The days events will culminate in a candlelight vigil by the Library Pond at 8 p.m., where Hoffman will say a few words.

The Lyndon State Veterans Club is open to all Lyndon State students who have an interest in supporting veterans. The next meeting is tentatively September 22. Anyone with questions can email club secretary Elizabeth.Harrison@lyndonstate.edu or president Mark.Hoffman@lyndonstate.edu.



"Well, as an American, yeah, of course I feel safe, especially...here in Vermont. It's definitely a safer place to be than another populated area but in general it seems like we are a lot more safer and security's a lot more heightened these days, despite the economic downturn. Could it happen again? I mean, of course, any populated area in the world could get attacked at any time by any disgruntled peoples, I mean, it's definitely something that could happen again. Other than that, I definitely do feel safe here." Freddie Losambe, Senior, Global Studies and Music Production

Since 9/11, how safe do you feel as an American? Do you think something like that can happen again with the current national security that is in place?



"I guess I don't feel a hundred percent safe, but you know. It could probably happen again, but I think now we're a little more cautious and aware, so I definitely feel not as safe as I did before 9/11, but not as unsafe as I did on, like, 9/12." Chris Allen, Sophomore, English Major



"So, I live in Vermont and I'm pretty sure terrorist won't really attack Vermont, but as, like, a nation, I think the risk is still there. My dad's an airline pilot and he says that security even for him is really crazy and is definitely a pain in the butt, so, I think with a new security that they're presenting in airports it would be much, much harder, but I think the threat is still there, but over all I don't think it would be anytime soon." Margaret George, Junior, Psychology and Human Services



"I feel like it could definitely happen again, it could probably happen over and over and over no matter how much defense we have up and do I feel safe? Yes and no, I mean, no because it can happen again and yes because I know that my country will stand for itself." Michael Sullivan, Freshman, Exercise Science



"I do feel safe as an American. I absolutely do believe and expect, actually, in the future that something else such as this will happen because you'd be naïve to believe otherwise. I feel safe, I do, especially with the current situation. Security might be a bit, you know, too much but, you know, I do feel safe. However, I do, yes, I very much believe that it will happen again." Armin Delic, Senior, Computer Information Systems

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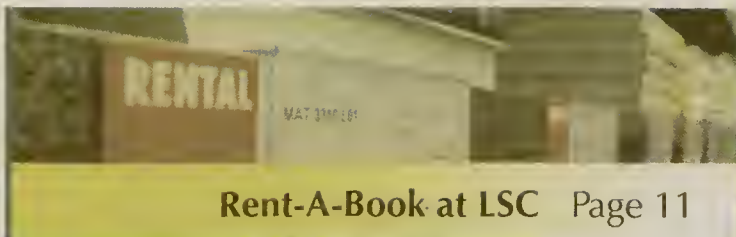
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BETTER LATE THAN NEVEPLAST

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

It's been a slippery slope, but Ski and Ride members are back on their feet.

The club has received the funding it needed to purchase an artificial snow surface—again. The motion passed by a vote of 159 (69%) to 72 (31%) yesterday. Club president Samuel Pierog was ecstatic about the outcome of the vote, “I was telling everybody in the dining hall really fast. That was pretty much the first thing I did.”

Last spring SGA's final session resulted with \$18,930 worth of funding requests being granted to Lyndon State College clubs. The largest amount given to a singular club that day was \$10,000 to LSC Ski and Ride to purchase artificial ski surface, Neveplast. However, the money came with two stipulations.

“One was that it had to be passed by campus planning, the other was that it would be done by June 30th,” explained current SGA president Nick Russo. Russo was also the SGA financial controller last year under the administration that set the conditions. “They didn't meet either therefore...[the money] went back into the general fund.”

In order for the issue to have appeared on this week's ballot, Ski and Ride had to get 10 percent of the student body to sign the petition. The official count was 175 signatures, allowing the issue to be put on the ballot.

The question still remains why the deadline was not met the first time the money was allocated to

Ski and Ride. “We didn't get approval from [Campus Planning] in the timeline that we had because it was such a big investment and because there was so much riding on it, they wanted to get more information,” explains Pierog.

Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administration and head of Campus Planning, would agree that more information was part of the hold up. Hamilton explained that the practicality and operational aspects of the project were their primary concern. Hamilton listed that questions the committee had as: “How much maintenance does it require? How durable is the material? How well does it perform?”

Hamilton asked Ski and Ride these questions via email in late May. “There was no further action at that point from the committee because we were waiting to hear back if the purchase was going to go forward based on the product issues and that's kind of where we are today,” said Hamilton. “The day following the last campus planning meeting in May I communicated back to the club reps as well as to Nick Russo where things stood at that point... I don't know where those discussions went to be honest with you.”

“It's hard to do anything if we don't have great communication... There was a period of about three weeks where we didn't have any from Ski and Ride about what was going on with the project,” Russo explains.

According to Pierog, the delay was caused by difficulty finding answers to Campus Planning's questions regarding the material due to the availability of the Neveplast representative. “It was



Potential locations for the Neveplast slope, clockwise, top to bottom: Hill behind gym, near the new basketball court, beside the Rita Boll Complex, behind the softball field, on President's Hill, and near the new skate park Photos by: Sierra Willenburg

hard to keep in contact with him because he had a project going on in Colorado,” said Pierog.

Pierog hopes to soothe worries about the product with a soon to be scheduled conference call with a Neveplast sale representative, “Once we can figure out the date of that, we can move forward.”

The issue of where the terrain park will be located still remains. Last spring, Ski and Ride had representatives attend a Campus Planning meeting to ask for the committee's consideration for possible sites. The focus had been to put the slope on Presidents Hill, where there has been a ter-

rain park in the past. Concerns about the site arose due to limited accessibility and difficulty for Public Safety to police the site.

“We can't be everywhere and we can't be everything for everybody. It should be a concern because some have proven that they cannot be trusted with the freedom,” George Hacking, Director of Public Safety explained. “We're talking about 18–24 yr olds using this hill... Unfortunately there are a few who tend to push the limits and create problems for the rest of the students who want to use that area.”

Hacking suggested that if

money could be raised for cameras to monitor the site, it may become feasible.

There are five other more centrally located sites that have been suggested, though when a decision on the location should be expected is still up in the air until the Campus Planning's questions about the material are answered. “I don't care,” said Pierog when asked where he would like to see the park. “I just want it to be here on campus so the students can enjoy it.”

Pierog is optimistic about the future of the park, “We just have to keep pushing it forward.”

Snack Bar Shake-Up

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

The Hornets Nest has gone through an overhaul. Aramark, Lyndon State College's food supplier, has made some changes to the snack bar itself and the snack bar menu in the student center.

“It's simplified, it is limited a little bit,” said Adam Vigue, Food Service Director. “At one point we had four different kinds of fries and we weren't selling four differ-

ent kinds. We were selling two kinds better than anything else so it is simplified more than it was.”

There has been some confusion as to what is still on the menu and what is not, like mozzarella sticks.

“We need to market that a little bit better,” he said. “So we need to put up some signs, especially for the mozzarella sticks.”

Our menu boards are a lot better than they were last year. They are digital, but they changed a few

things around so that is the biggest issue. We just need to get it out there more about the stuff we have in the back.”

The decision to abridge the menu came from Aramark.

“It was a corporate decision; they did it for a lot of other schools too,” said Vigue. “They called it a ‘grill refresh’, they totally changed over the grill, the menu and everything like that so I had some say on what to put on there, but they wanted to simplify it.”

But Vigue agreed that it was time for a change.

“That menu hasn't been changed in like 10 years,” he said.

“Even our coolers were out of whack; we were offering every flavor of everything so a lot of it was being thrown away.”

There are more changes on the way. “I want to change the deli menu too,” he said. “It has some weird stuff on there that was brought in before I got here. We want to change things up once in a while, but don't want to get rid of things that are big sellers.”

Vigue knows that not everyone will be happy with the cuts.

“Our goal is not to make less options, but we want to be realistic too,” he said.

What's Gone:

Waffle Fries
Curly Fries
Onion Rings

What's New:

Quesadillas
Spicy Chicken Sandwich
California Vegetable Burger
Combo Meals



Photo by: Sierra Willenburg
New digital menus at the Hornet's Nest

Campus Calendar

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Sat. 9/17: Roller Derby at Fenton Chester Arena
Sun. 9/18: Jean Charles Performs
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Big Sister is Watching You

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

Janet Napolitano has been making the rounds of American universities to promote the idea of keeping your eyes and ears open for "suspicious" activity. The catchy title for this endeavor, possibly dreamed up by some well-paid Madison Avenue agency is "If You See Something, Say Something."

Napolitano, of course, is the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), the bureaucratic juggernaut that unites all government agencies authorized to use deadly force against citizens. Just kidding, of course, deadly force is just one of many methodologies in use by these agencies.

DHS has been hard at work expanding this program as well as its sister effort, the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative which focuses on expanding law enforcement efforts in the same area.

Napolitano does not explain just what suspicious activity is. She's not just talking about reporting of crime. We all know that we should notify

the authorities if someone is actually violating the law in a serious way that goes well beyond exceeding the posted speed limit. What the DHS initiative targets are things called "behaviors and indicators."

Although these are undefined, the old standard applies: If you understand, no explanation is necessary; if you don't understand, no explanation is possible.

The nice thing is that suspecting the worst of everyone around you is the easiest thing in the world. To start with, if someone looks very different from you, isn't that suspicious? Some years ago, long before 9/11, I was flying in a puddle jumper from one nearby city to another. Across the aisle was a swarthy, bearded individual. His appearance was suspicious in itself. Shortly before take off, he began to pray and continued his prayers until the small plane was safely in the air. He repeated the prayer sequence for landing as well. Where were you, Janet Napolitano, when I needed you?

Well, Janet is there for you now, so it's time to keep

eyes and ears open. The foreign student that shares space with you is not above suspicion. Nor is a fellow student whose ancestors came over on the Mayflower. Do any of your professors question the authority of the state? Janet wants to know.

And don't forget your parents. Kids are the best source of information about wayward parents. Disparaging comments about public officials overheard at the dinner table must be taken seriously.

We all know about freedom of the press, but didn't some Supreme Court justice say that press freedom ends where government authority begins. Just kidding again, it was about shouting fire in a crowded theater. But surely there is something suspicious about journalists who pen editorials that describe cabinet level officials in a disrespectful or sarcastic manner. Not, of course, that this writer would ever do such an unpatriotic thing.

For those who wish to study the matter more deeply, there is an excellent text by George Orwell titled 1984.

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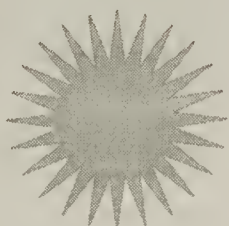
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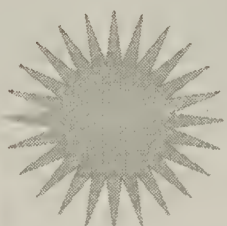
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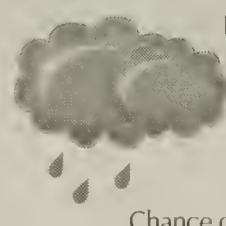
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Angry Ani Speaks Out: Move Over! Prius Drivers



Angry Ani mad, Angry Ani smash.

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Cryptogram

"Na bs gtlqtp qtvq bi N udg txvs onc bnxyqio qt vnmi, N htyvgx'q zpttg. N'g qsjj d vnqqvi adoqip." ~Noddl Donbtm

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters or symbols. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original sentence.

Today's Cryptogram clue: A=F

Created by Travis Cox

Don't forget to check for the answers to these challenging problems on our website

Last Weeks Answers:
Cryptogram: "It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends." --Albus Dumbledore

Jumble: Well I Noah Guy

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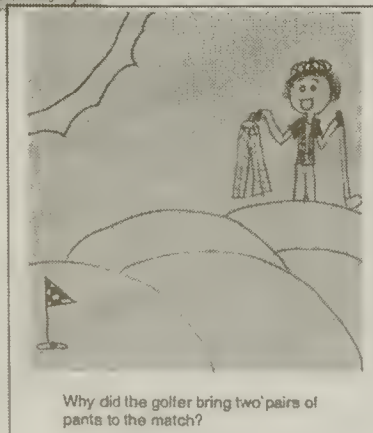
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Now unscramble the circled letters to finish the sentence.

In case he got a □□□□ □□ □□□

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Drawing by Liz Bradshaw

Jumble



Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants to the match?

Whats up bitches? So as you all look through the second edition of this semester's *The Critic*, half of you flipped right to the opinions column to see if I was still angry one week later, and the other half of you flipped to the opinions column hoping that I, for some unknown reason, had been cured... of my anger. Well guess what, I'm Ani, I'm here, and lucky for you, I'm *still* angry!

So what's making me angry now? Well if you've ever been in a car while I was driving, you've probably been afraid for your life, but you may have figured out how angry "people who think they own the road just because they drive a freaking Prius," make me. I'll be on I-91, alongside of a Prius, and then next thing you know - screeeeech! SWERVE! The freaking Prius just cuts me off. It's like they get up next to me, make eye contact, and then say, "Excuse me are you saving the environment? No!" - queue the swerve and cut me off. And in case the Prius drivers don't know, YOU AREN'T ACTUALLY SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT. And also, go back to driver's ed.; there's a little something called following distance, and a turn signal you should learn about, which to my knowledge, still applies to a Prius. Oh, and if I didn't make it perfectly clear, YOU DON'T OWN THE ROAD.

People who ask to have some of your food AFTER they put their hands on it piss me off. I don't know, nor do I want to know, where your hands have been in the twenty-some minutes before touching my food, and I sure as hell don't want your hands on MY food to begin with. I have rent to pay, and I buy my own groceries, therefore keep your hands off. Want a grape? Ask me. I'll probably say no, but that's irrelevant. Bottom line, in a store, they always say, "you break it, you buy it." Well in Angry Ani's world, you touch my food BEFORE you ask, I'll probably call you out, make you feel like I think you have poor

hygiene, and then write about how angry you make me in an opinions column. So please people, do the asking, before the grabbing. [That's what she said.]

Here's a quick one. IKEA furniture. I love the looks of it, but I'm currently sleeping on a bed being held together by LIQUID NAILS. As for the owner of IKEA, a man who is richer than Bill Gates, I feel like his bajillion dollar company can come up with something more durable than wooden pegs that don't stay in the hole long enough to support a bed frame throughout the night.

What else makes me angry? People who claim they aren't judgmental. Let me just say, that's impossible. We're human, and we all judge. I judge, and so do you. You're probably judging me as you read this. Good or bad, EVERYONE JUDGES. So don't act like you're above someone because your hair is your natural brown and their hair is blue and they're walking around with a shirt on that says, "Tastes like chicken." You're judging; good judging, or bad judging, we are all judgmental.

Finally, girls that wear clothes that are two sizes too small, make me angry. Before I even get into how bad it *looks*, can we just talk about how freaking uncomfortable that must *feel*? I mean, I need to unbutton my pants just thinking about it. The stiffness of jeans, squeezing all the wrong places, the shortness of shirts showing all the back hair we *don't* want to see, and just the clinging of man-made material stuck to your body, makes me angry. As for how it looks - it looks stankin' haggard. There's a reason why everything isn't "one size fits all." It's because ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL!

So there you have it; just a few of the numerous irritations that angered me this week and they just keep on comin'. Until next week, I'm Ani, and I'm angry and you'll hear more ranting from me real soon.

LSC Prof's Agree: Climate Change is Here

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

After more than a century of polluting the atmosphere, it is time to make some radical changes.

The meteorology and science departments at Lyndon State College have a message for the rest of the world: We are in trouble if we do not take climate change more seriously.

"The climate is very definitely changing and has been now for a long time, 150 years," said Bruce Berryman, and adjunct professor in the Atmospheric Sciences Department. "The rate of change is accelerating and in the last decade or two it is changing even faster than it was in the previous 100 years. It is due in large part to human activity."

Berryman credits China, as well as the United States, for the recent increase in Carbon Dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas.

"As little as five years ago they were number two in production of CO₂, the United States was number one and we produced twice as much as China," he said. "And now in just those few short years, China is emitting more than we are and it is not because we cut back. We are still emitting more and more every year, they just caught up with us."

This increase in greenhouse gases is bringing the point of no return closer and closer, but even still the deadline is anyone's guess.

"These tipping points are

always out there," Berryman said. "There are a lot of those tipping points that are known in nature. With almost all of them you don't know what the value is that you have to go past. The only way you find out is once you go past it."

But there is no need to risk it when there is something to be done now.

"On the one hand, we don't know," he said. "But on the other hand because of the possible negative effects of global warming there are those that are saying 'let's not take a chance, why do something foolish and screw up the planet.'"

Benjamin Luce, Assistant Professor of Physics, Sustainability Studies at LSC, takes a harder line.

"We are basically destroying the planet very rapidly with a combination of human induced climate change plus toxic pollutants and loss of habitat," he said. "I've spent many years looking at the data and climate models and I'm completely convinced that we are already undergoing a really serious disaster."

The changes that have been made and legislation that has been passed to reduce carbon emissions only scratch the surface.

"It's been counterproductive, we have to fix the energy sources, it is the only thing that is going to make a difference," said Luce. "We need to pass legislation that will outlaw the emission of carbon dioxide and

phase it out as fast as possible."

Berryman agrees.

"They are doing it much too slowly," he said. "We have cars that are much more efficient than (what we have) right now and there is no reason why we couldn't mass produce them. There is no reason to take the long slow approach."

Instead of fossil fuels, Luce points to renewable resources that are readily available.

"Solar is by far the largest renewable resource, hundreds of times larger than anything else," he said. "It is the most widespread. It's the easiest to use and the cost of solar power is coming down very rapidly."

Widespread change on a global scale is an uphill battle, but it can start at home.

"Here in the Northeast Kingdom it is extremely difficult to not use a car," said Berryman. "It is practically impossible. Something like RCT is good, but it is not like having a taxi cab on every street corner. You can't do much with your car, but people are having fewer cars, smaller cars, and having more fuel efficient cars. People are tightening up their houses all the time so they use less heating oil."

Those who do not believe the climate is changing or that the earth should be getting warmer have not looked at all the facts.

"The evidence is overwhelming, with meteorological evidence, oceanographic evidence and biological evidence,"



Photo: Sierra Willenburg

Weather equipment on the observation desk at LSC.

said Berryman. "It is all changing now in the same direction. We don't need any more data, it is really abundantly clear that it is changing and changing a lot."

Vermonters are feeling it too. "Just in the time that I have

been in Vermont, the past 30 years, in the first 20 years we got down to minus 35 every single winter," he said. "And now in the last 10 years we've never gotten down to minus 35," said Berryman.

Public Safety Log

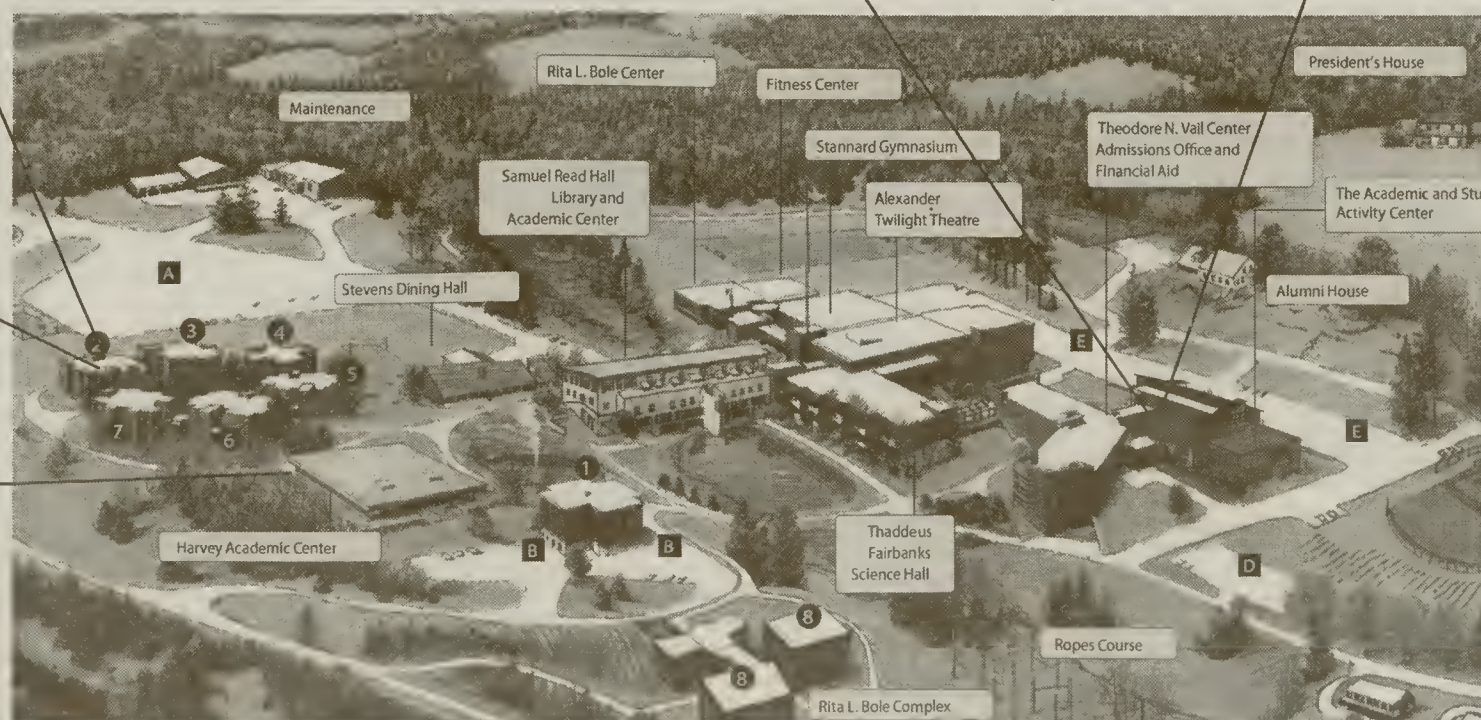
9/12 Alcohol policy violation in the Stonehenge smoking gazebo
It was raining! I didn't want to catch a cold!

9/11 Underage Drinking in Poland
Baby bottle, anybody?

9/14 Empty Alcohol Cans Found in GIS Lab
It's the beginning of the semester; times are tough.

9/11 Larceny, Bench taken from Vail
I just needed a new piece of furniture, man.

9/12/ Plants Destroyed in Vail
Taking out frustrations on plants, while under the influence of plants.



Election Results Announced



Photo by: Samantha VanSchoick

Some of the new Elected Representatives, left to right:

Alyssa Sylvia, Electronic Journalism Arts, Junior

Amanda Curran, Atmospheric Science and Electronic Journalism Arts, Sophomore

Julianne Walshaw, Electronic Journalism Arts Sophomore



Photos by: Sierra Willenburg

Some of the new Elected Representatives, left to right:

Matthew Green, Accounting, Freshman

Sami Lubke, Music Business Industry, Junior

Dave Daly, Music Business Industry, Senior

First Year Candidates:

Sarah Redman 95 22%
Paige Ferratto 74 17%
Laura Martin 72 17%
Skylar Bonanno 66 15%
Matthew Green 68 16%
 Christopher LaCombe 47 11%
 Write ins -
 Eric Samson 1
 Les Grossman 1 < 1%
 Non-LSC student: 3

Second Year Candidates:

Amanda Curran 129 42%
Julianne Walshaw 90 29%
Jonathan Lehane 85 28%
 Write ins -
 Daniel Weiner 2 1%
 John Frost 1

Names in bold denote winning candidate

Third Year Candidates:

Alyssa Sylvia 112 37%
Samantha Lubke 96 32%
Mateo Cohen 81 26%
 Write ins -
 Samuel Pierog 6 2%
 Jeffrey Stalaboin 1
 Tommy Gavin 1
 Tyler Devaux 1
 Teague Coyle 1
 Ethan Mitchell 1
 Margaret George 1
 Ashley Ahern 1
 Tim Christ 1

Fourth Year Candidates:

Dave Daly 139 40%
Adam Norton 111 32%
Nora Barney 91 26%
 Write ins -
 Kyle Waterman 1
 Caleb Noble 1
 Dan Carbonneau 1

Commuter Candidates:

Nicole Pfahl 179 98%
 Write ins -
 Kyle Waterman 1
 KC Doolan 1
 Sam Pierog 1 < 1%

Non-Traditional Candidates:

None 83 94%
 Write ins -
 Joe Adams 3 (4%)
 Bob Patten 1 (1%)
 Michael Collins 1 (1%)



Students line up to vote in the recent SGA election

Photo by: Sierra Willenburg

LSC Students Help Clean Up From Hurricane Irene

Robert Joseph
Critic Correspondent

Hurricane Irene, while leaving less damage than expected, still left its mark in Vermont.

The biggest inconvenience LSC students put up with the was a lack of internet connection for three days. The rest of

the state wasn't so lucky.

IT headquarters in Waterbury, VT was completely flooded, according to an e-mail sent out by Chancellor Donovan. The entire basement was flooded along with four feet of water on the first floor. This flooding caused the power to fail, and the backup generators didn't work because they were

under five feet of water.

However, IT was quick to react as they managed to save the hardware up on the second floor and get it out unharmed allowing for a speedy recovery of web services through the Vermont state colleges.

In Waterbury, the reports range from washed away roads, destroyed bridges, and base-

ments turned into swimming pools.

There is one shimmer of hope after the destruction of the hurricane; people have been lining up to help.

Today Jonathan Davis, along with any LSC volunteers will be sorting a clothing donation from Carhartt. This donation is 18,000 pieces of new

clothing, approximately 13 tons of clothing, according to Jonathan Davis.

If students would like to know about how they can help out start with e-mailing Jonathan Davis at Jonathan.Davis@lsc.vsc.edu

LSC Athletics Score On Deal *School Agrees to Terms with Adidas*



The Adidas label is worn by LSC athletes.

Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

The Lyndon State College Athletics department signed an agreement with Adidas to be their exclusive supplier of Athletic wear, apparel, and jerseys.

The agreement with Adidas will be for five years until June 30, 2015.

Although players aren't allowed to keep their jerseys after the season, they will be using the new adidas jerseys very soon.

Four Hornets Athletics'

teams will be wearing new game jerseys for the upcoming seasons.

Men's Basketball, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Tennis, and Women's Volleyball will be the teams sporting new clothing this fall.

Athletic Director Chris Ummer said that the deal with Adidas was just the right thing to do.

"We think the deal that we have with Adidas is great for our school," said Ummer.

"Whenever you get the chance to be associated with a

brand such as Adidas, it's something you just have to do."

The Hornet's jerseys go through a four year cycle, where every four years the college gets new uniforms for its players.

All Lyndon State College approved apparel get's a 30% discount from Adidas if they order from them.

The agreement between Lyndon State and Adidas also gives the right to Adidas to use their name for developments, trademarks, promotions, development, and marketing.

Women's Volleyball Served Tough Loss *Team Has Yet to Win*

Dan Weiner
Critic Correspondent

On Wednesday night, the Lady Hornets (0-4) took a hard loss in four sets to New Hampshire Technical Institute.

The Hornets took the first set 25-22, but was soon overcome by the stingy offense of NHTI, and lost the last three sets, 25-14, 25-19 and 25-12 respectively. Maegan Fried led the Hornets with eight kills, and Sophomore Morgan Diltz had thirteen digs and six assists.

Coach Sean Fisher has said the season has started rough, but he believes that team will only get better with time.

"So far its going okay, its not great, we had our first tour-

nament and went 0-4 against three very good teams, so losing to them doesn't bother me," he said "Just the level we played at bothered me."

Although the team has gotten off to a lackluster start, Fisher sees promise.

"I do believe this is the best team we've had yet at Lyndon State," Fisher said, "We have a lot more depth, with five or six ladies around the same ability levels. If one of two are having an off night, I can throw one of the others in and not have to worry."

However, there still is work to be done.

"The big things we have to work on are ball control and serve and receive" said Fisher, "When the other team was

serving to us, if they have a good serve, we have to have a good return and be in place."

Veteran junior Erica Ponte was critical of the teams' performance

"Better than past seasons, but still not that great," Ponte said.

However, she is still very optimistic about the future with all of the new members

"Once we get the hang of playing with each other, we'll improve by a lot" Ponte added.

The Lady Hornets next match is away at Johnson State on Sunday, September 18 at 1 p.m. Their next home match is against Norwich on Thursday, September 22 at 7 p.m.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Volleyball team practices digging.

Women's Tennis Getting on Schedule *Goal is for More Practices*

Dan Weiner
Critic Correspondent

Coach Sue Henry was optimistic about her team regardless of their 0-2 start.

"We're improving with each match, both individually and as a team"

Conversely, the team still does have a lot to work on.

"One of the problems we are dealing with is class conflict," Coach Henry added, "The girls need to get out and

practice around their class time"

Everyone is getting along well on the Lady Hornets tennis team

"One of the positives on our team is chemistry," Coach Henry stated, "The girls get along well together"

Junior Margaret George isn't just worried about Tennis when it comes to her performance.

"I'm also dealing with my own issues off the court, as well

as improving on-court" George said.

She has confidence in the team as a whole for this season.

"We came out strong, and we have to attribute that to our team chemistry"

The Lady Hornets (0-2) are hosting their home opener this Saturday against Thomas College at 1 pm.. On Sunday they play their next away match at Castleton at 1 p.m.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Women's Tennis team gets together for a practice.

XC Meets Expectations

Teams Have Similar Start to Last Season



Men's XC team runs together.

Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Hornets Cross Country teams have similar yet strong starts to the season.

Both the men and women's cross country teams finished the same as a team as they did last year at last weekend's University of New England Invitational in Biddeford, Maine.

Leading the way for the men was Junior Josh Grant, who placed first in the race with an eight-kilometer time of 28:16.

Other top finishers for the Men's team included Sophomore Kenedi Hall, finishing ninth overall with a time of 29:46.

Following Hall was Senior Wildens Fils at 29:56. Freshman Tyler Scheibenplug turned a lot of heads by finishing with a time of 30:51. Scheibenplug's performance has even got the attention of Coach Chris Ummer.

"Tyler performed very well for us on Saturday," said Coach Ummer. "He ran well and we all hope he can keep it up."

On the women's team, Senior Allynne O'Hearn led the field for the Hornets finishing sixth overall with a time of 23:33. Junior Cassie Tricou was second for the Lady Hornets finishing the five-kilometer race in 24:09.

Overall, the men's team finished third at the

meet, with the women finishing 6th.

"As a team and an individual, we try to use the first meet of the year as a guideline as to how we improve all year," said Coach Ummer. "You don't want to run hard every race of the year, so sometimes runners will be relaxed and pick it up as the season goes on. With that said, I think both the women and the men very well this weekend."

The Men's and Women's Cross Country teams will be racing in a meet this weekend here at Lyndon. The women will race at 10:30 A.M. and the men will race at 11:15 A.M.

Two for the Price of One

Hornets Earn NAC Honors

Junior Lyndon State Cross Country runner Joshua Grant received honors for North Atlantic Conference Player of the Week, for the week ending on September 11, 2011.

He recorded a time of 28 minutes and 16 seconds in the University of New England Invitational Cross Country Meet on Saturday. That time allowed Grant to finish in first place. The meet consisted of 99 runners.

Grant's preparation is what led to his strong performance.

"I did a lot of base training over the summer, and ran a lot with the new team. It was beneficial for everyone to have a good group of guys to run into the season with for the first race," Grant said.

His performance helped the Hornets finish third overall in the meet.

However, the star runner believes that there are areas where he can improve.

"Next time, I just want to

be more mentally prepared," Grant said.

He will get chance when the Hornets host its next meet this Saturday at 11:15 a.m., on the Lyndon Cross Country Trails.

Tia Billado of the Lyndon women's soccer program, and Josh Grant, a junior runner on the Hornet men's cross country team, have been named Players of the Week in the North Atlantic Conference for the week ending Sept. 11, 2011.

Billado, Lyndon, a sophomore goalkeeper from Bellows Falls, Vt., ran her scoreless streak to nearly 218 minutes with a pair of shutouts over the weekend.

After holding SUNY Cobleskill scoreless over the final 37:58 in Lyndon's 4-1 win on Monday, Sept. 5, she made 10 saves in 90 minutes as the Hornets blanked Smith College on Saturday by a score of 1-0.

On Sunday, Billado made three saves as Lyndon shut out Regis by an identical 1-0 score.



Joshua Grant

Photo by Lyndon Athletics



Tia Billado

Photo by Lyndon Athletics

A Frenzy of Fun Awaits Family and Friends

Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editor

Don't worry about being bored this weekend. Lyndon has many exciting events planned for this year's Family and Homecoming Weekend.

Family and Homecoming Weekend is the perfect time to invite your family and friends to visit. Not only can you and your family enjoy time in the beautiful North East Kingdom, but also there are numerous events occurring that you don't want to miss!

Do you want to see an incredibly amusing and exceptionally unique performance? Well, tonight, at 8 p.m. in the

standard gymnasium, the Campus Activities Board happily presents the Harlem Wizards! These athletes will blow you out of your seats with pure athleticism, teamwork skills, and humorous entertainment!

This game is going to be crammed with plenty of comedy and talent, but in addition you can expect audience interaction.

"We wanted a program that everyone, young and old would enjoy. Additionally, this performance allows us to involve members of the student body as well as alumni," says Kayla Carlozzi, student activities coordinator here at Lyndon.

Tonight at 8:00 the event

will begin. Doors will open at 7:00, so be sure to get there early for good seats. Students with ID will get in free, but all others will need to pay \$5.00. So, be sure not to miss this exciting performance—it will definitely be worth it!

On Saturday the fun events continue. Another amusing experience, that you and your family will enjoy—roller derby! Yes, roller derby.

Brian Stone, president of the Campus Activities Board, says, "It's something different. Not many other colleges have a roller derby team come to their school."

The Green Mountain Derby Dames, from Vermont

will be making their second appearance here at Lyndon State, and the expectations are high.

"Last year, over 200 people came and there wasn't a single person that left unsatisfied," says Carlozzi.

Stone adds, "Last year it was not just the students who loved it, it was the faculty members and community members that enjoyed it as well."

So this year, be sure you are one of those 200 people. Saturday night, at Fenton Chester Arena, the doors will open at 5 p.m. and the show will start at 5:30 p.m. All Lyndon students with ID will get in free, kids will pay \$4 and adults will pay

\$8.

In addition, throughout the weekend there will be other numerous events occurring. An ice cream social will take place on campus Saturday afternoon.

Then there will be the Centennial Birthday Bash, with plenty of entertainment—music, karaoke, a caricature artist, a magician, and birthday cake!

If you have more questions about these events please go to the Student Activities and Leadership Center. You can also contact Brian Stone, President of our Campus activities Board, or Kayla Carlozzi, our Student Activities Coordinator.

New Additions to Burke Mountain are Underway

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

Don't look now, but winter is right around the corner.

For some that might not be pleasant to hear, but for skiers and riders, that's the best news. It has been almost a year since people have been able to ski at Burke Mountain and once everyone is finally welcomed

back, there will be noticeable additions.

The newest addition to the mountain is a high-speed quad that goes to the summit. This lift is targeted for opening middle of December. This is enjoyable news for the avid skier because rather than a time-consuming 14-minute ride on the Willoughby, one is able to go from below the Mid Burke

Lodge to the summit in less than half the time.

The Mid Burke Express is powered by a brand new wind turbine that was completed just about a month ago. This wind turbine is located right above the Dipper trails and has already proved beneficial. It is producing renewable energy this very moment and is covering about twenty percent of the

mountain's total needs.

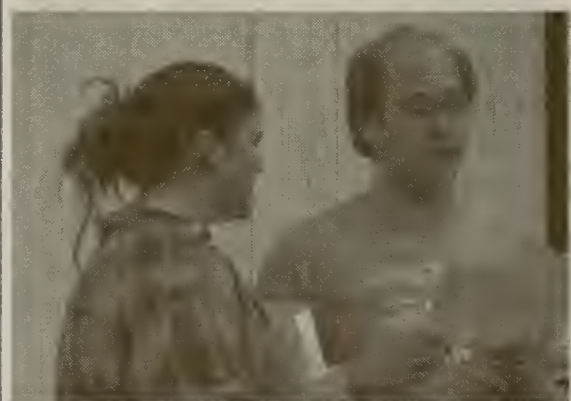
Another addition at the mountain was the naming of five new intermediate and expert trails. The most noticeable one is Jester that will serve as a terrain park in the winter and as a mountain-bike trail in the summer.

Questions? Attend the mountain's community event on Thursday, September 22nd.

Other resources include the Fall Foliage Festival and the Burke Mountain Music Festival on September 24th.

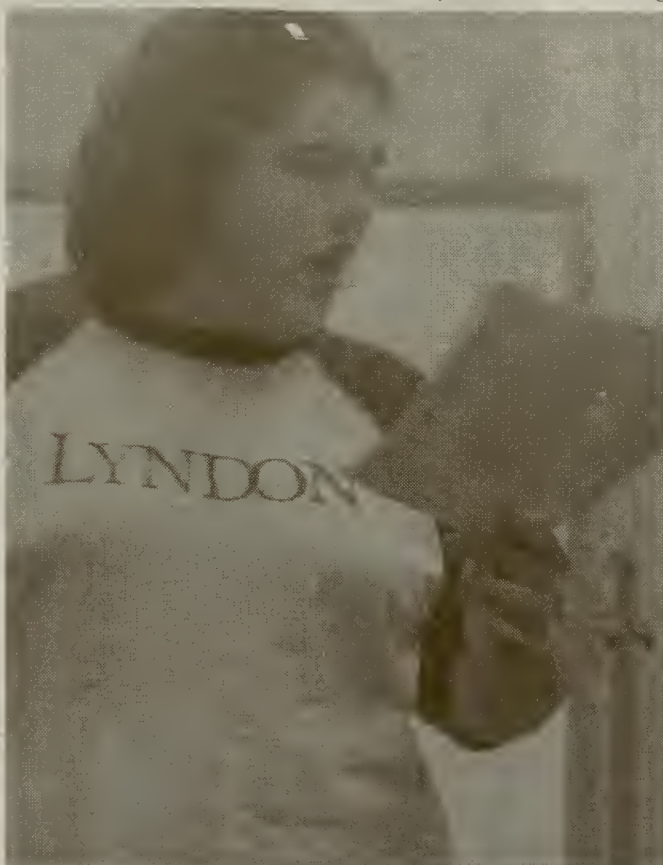
Students can purchase their season passes now by logging onto Skiburke.com. A season pass on skiburke.com goes for \$449. You can also get a pass here at LSC every Wednesday from 12-1:30 in the student center until October 26th.

An Array of Awesome Auditions



LSC students auditioned Tuesday for roles in the Twilight Players Fall comedy, *Lend Me A Tenor*. The performance will be held on November 10th to November 13th in the Alexander Twilight Theatre. Showtimes will be announced at a later date.

Photos by: Sierra Willenburg



Catch a Free Flick at Catamount

Marc Samson
Photo Editor

Movie ticket prices might stop college students from going to see a movie – but what if they could get in for free?

Watching movies has been adapted into our culture as a large form of entertainment. Going to the theater and having to pay for a movie ticket will detour some movie watchers to wait for the DVD release, but at Catamount Arts in St. Johnsbury, admission is free for LSC

students.

Catamount Arts generally have two different films for viewing and are not the general typical Box Office shows. Currently, Catamount Arts is showing “Conan O’Brien Can’t Stop” and “Tabloid”.

Directed by Rodman Flender, “Conan O’Brien Can’t Stop” is a movie about O’Brien’s difficult time in his career. O’Brien ended up hosting The Tonight Show, previously run by Jay Leno. Shortly after, he was

ready for a new job. After splitting from NBC, he did his best to make the most of his newer position by keeping positive and people laughing. In this movie we watch how O’Brien makes different career choices and his struggles to continue to be on television.

“Tabloid”, directed by Errol Morris, tells a story about love, faith and shame. Joyce McKinney lived a life of beauty and competition by entering pageants in her teenage years. She

falls in love with a Mormon man and movies out to Utah. As her love is sent out on mission to spread the Word of God, she becomes torn and goes to London to find him and take him home. After taking him right out of one of his meetings and tying him to a bed locked away in a cabin, she begins to seduce him away from his duties. As the church find out about her acts, they accuse her of rape and kidnapping; she sees it as acts of love.

Showing times are as follows:

“Tabloid”: Night Showings 7:30, and on Friday-Sunday 5:30. Matinees Sunday and Wednesday at 1:30.

“Conan O’Brien Can’t Stop”: Night Showings 5:30, and on Friday-Sunday 7:30. Matinees Sunday and Wednesday at 1:30.

For non-LSC students: Adults, \$8, seniors \$6 and General Students \$6.

Take some time this weekend from school and get out to relax and enjoy, for free.

Recipes With the Editors



Dana Berlin
Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editors

Fall is just about here. It is getting cooler and the leaves are slowly changing colors. Here are two recipes that are quick and easy, that will get you in the fall spirit.

Apple Pie Dip

This is not only a simple and easy snack to put together, but it is also very nutritious. The following ingredients are needed for the dip:

- 1 1/3 cup of peeled apples

- 1 teaspoon of lemon juice
- 2-3 teaspoons of brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoons of cinnamon

Note: You can use whatever type of apple your desire.

Ingredients for the chips:

- 6 (small) tortillas
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter
- teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1 tablespoons of sugar

and spread it onto the tortillas.

3. Cut the tortillas into small wedges.
4. Place the tortilla wedges onto a greased baking sheet, sprinkle the cinnamon and sugar onto the wedges and bake at 350 degrees (or until the wedges are a golden brown).
5. Let the tortillas sit for about 10 minutes before serving.

Ingredients:

3 cups of nuts (peanuts, almonds, pecans—but this is your choice).

- cup of sunflower seeds
- cup of coconut flakes
- 1 cup of raisins
- cup of dried cranberries
- 1 cup of chocolate chips

Instructions:

1. Mix together nuts, sunflower seeds, coconut flakes, raisins and dried cranberries.
2. Spread the mixture evenly on a baking sheet that is covered in waxed paper.
3. Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave.
4. Pour the chocolate over the mix. Be sure that it is evenly distributed.
5. Let the chocolate cool. When it has sat for a few minutes

Chocolate Drizzled Trail Mix

This is a great snack food that you can grab when you are in a hurry. It will satisfy your hunger and give you the proper nutrients. This recipe will make about 12 servings.

Instructions:

1. Combine all of the dip ingredients into one bowl and stir together. Let it sit in the refrigerator to cool, while you are preparing the tortillas.
2. Take the melted butter

Weekly Horoscopes

Virgo

August 23 -September 22

You are certainly the laid-back type, but lately you have a high temper. Stop bottling everything up—talk about it with a good friend, before you blow up on someone you care about!

Libra

September 23 -October 22

You and your significant other might be seeking troubles in the future. Sit down and talk about your relationship, go out for a night and enjoy each other’s company.

Scorpio

October 23 -November 21

Today there might be

drama surrounding you, so before you get involved, remove yourself from the situation. You may feel the urge to voice your opinion, but don’t—walk away!

Sagittarius

November 22-December 21

Feeling drained? You may have had what seemed the longest week of your life, but I promise you this weekend will be great for you. So, even though you might want to spend the weekend in bed, DON’T!

Capricorn

December 22 -January 19

Old emotions may be

coming back to you. Try to push them away and concentrate on the present.

Aquarius

January 20 -February 18

You’re feeling a little bit full of yourself today. Remember to see things from other peoples perspective, not just your own.

Pisces

February 19 -March 20

There may be some complications occurring between you and a good friend, but try not to think too much about it. Give each other space and after a day or so, talk it out.

Aries

March 21 -April 19

Today you might be feeling motivated and creative—take advantage of it! Turn on some music and get stuff done!

Taurus

April 20 -May 20

Pay closer attention to the people around you today. They may give you some positive advice; advice that you have been waiting to hear.

Gemini

May 21 -June 20

Do something nice for someone today. Even if it’s nothing huge, it will make the persons day and will make you feel good

about yourself as well.

Cancer

June 21 -July 22

Be sure to enjoy the weekend, because next week may be quite stressful. Prepare yourself now, so you are not totally overwhelmed when the time comes.

Leo

July 23 -August 22

Something that you wouldn’t usually do is going to come across your path. You may be skeptical about it, but don’t think about it too much, and go for it!

If you would like to contribute to the entertainment section of the Critic, please contact us at either dana.berlin@lyndonstate.edu or brittany.valentine@lyndonstate.edu. your contributions always welcome and appreciated.

Weekend Sports

Saturday, Sept. 17 10:30am:
Hornet Invitational Cross Country Meet

Saturday, Sept. 17 1:00pm:
Women’s Tennis vs. Thomas College

Saturday, Sept. 17 1:00pm:
Men’s Soccer vs. Castleton

Saturday, Sept. 17 3:00pm:
Women’s Soccer vs. Castleton

Tuesday, Sept. 20 4:00pm:
Women’s Soccer vs. MCLA

Music Business and Industry at LSC: Growing into a Symphony

Derek Campbell
Critic Correspondent

Lyndon State College's Music Business & Industry program is living proof that..... If you build it, they will come...

In 2005 LSC didn't have a music major. Enter Beth Norris, an Opera singer who has performed in opera's at her alma-mater Indiana University and across the Midwest.

Norris wanted to bring a Music program to LSC that was less traditional and more different than typical music programs.

Norris began talking with Linda Mitchell in the business department and others about creating a Music Business program. A huge think tank was brought together made up of faculty and students from the school as well as Vermonters already active in the music industry like studio tech Chuck Eller, Halogen Records' Justin Hoy and others. Together they brainstormed on how to build an MBI program at LSC from the ground up.

If you build it, they will come....

In the spring of 2006, soon after the program was conceived, Norris received an unusual phone call. The man on the line was Ralph Perkins. He said "I manage a folk/rock artist who was very popular in the 70's, his name is James Taylor." Norris had certainly heard of James Taylor. Heck, who hasn't? Ralph

continued "As soon as you get your program up and running, we need interns to go on tour with James." Ralph wanted people who were prepared to work in the music business. Norris was sure she could provide what he wanted and accepted his offer.

If you build it, they will
come....

Shortly after Ralph Perkins' call, Norris's phone rang again. The woman on the line was looking for a position as the Theater Technical Director. Norris asked her "What instrument do you play?" The woman said "Well, actually, I'm a sound engineer." That was just what Norris wanted to hear. The Woman on the phone was Britt Moore. Britt was hired to teach production classes in the brand new MBI program. Britt was instrumental in stepping up the production aspect of the program. According to Norris "Early on it was Britt who really pushed this program forward.," said Norris.

If you build it, they will come...

It wasn't long after meeting Britt that Norris received another phone call. It was a fellow by the name of Joe Gittleman. Norris, being more of a fan of classical music than modern rock, wasn't exactly sure who she was talking to. After a bit of research she realized that the man who had contacted her is in fact

a world famous performer.

Joe Gittleman is the bass player for the band that invented the sub-genre "Ska Core", The Mighty Mighty Bosstones. Joe has been steeped in the music industry for decades, played concerts around the globe and worked with countless musicians as producer, A&R man, studio musician, tour manager... You name it, Joe's done it. He was the perfect person to really bring the Industry to the Music Business & Industry program.

Together with the other teachers in the program, Norris, Britt, Joe & Department Chair David Johnston have built an MBI program that is drawing students from around the country as well as around the world. The program began with eight students majoring in MBI. By the end of the second semester the number had grown to 20. Now, with the program in its fifth year, the number has skyrocketed to 115 students majoring in MBI, making it the fastest growing program in the history of LSC. Last year the program graduated seven students, four of whom have already gone on the work in the industry with jobs at Skyline Music, Citadel Broadcasting, Atomic Music Group and Q Division. Of the 20 student enrolled the first year 90% have graduated. On average, programs usually see about 30% of students graduate from

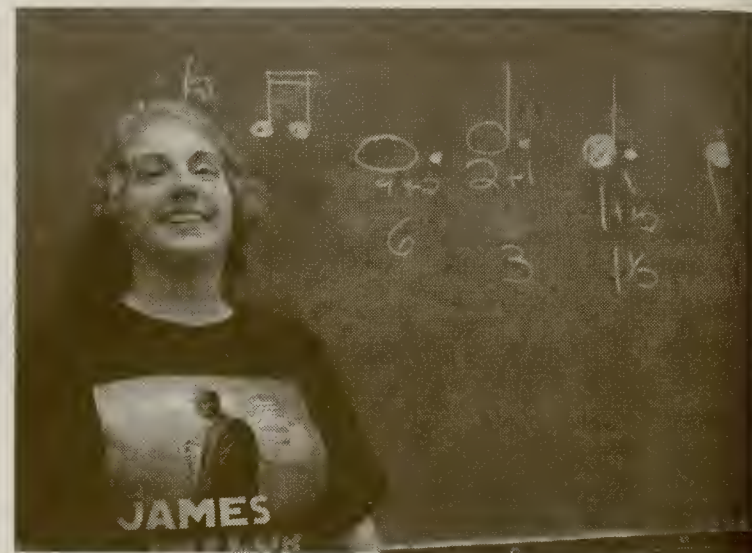


Photo by Derek Campbell

MBI Professor Beth Norris Teaching a Class.

given program.

Norris still has big dreams for the future. She and Britt Moore would love to one day see an MBI department building on the LSC campus complete with rehearsal rooms, production studios, performance spaces, and a student's Gold record hanging on the wall. Incorporating theater, dance and other performing arts into the program is part of that dream.

Norris knows that many students will come to the program in search of fame and stardom, but as she puts it "We have, from the time we started, been a plan B program." She explains "Plan A is: 'I'm coming here because I want to be rich and famous, write the next great rock song, have an album. I'm gonna make a million dollars!' That's plan A" Norris continues "Plan B is: We're going to get

you into the industry, working in a job that you absolutely love being a support person for all of those plan A people. And then you're there and if you're in the right place at the right time and you get lucky and you have these skills, then you'll get bumped up. So we're trying to be really realistic with our students when they come here with plan A dreams. We're not going to promise that. We are going to promise that we will teach you how to use the equipment, how to understand what's involved in the industry and get you ready to be able to walk into a job.

For an in depth view of the story with more info about Norris, Moore, Gittleman and first year student Jeremy MacDonough visit the critics website at: www.lyndonstatecritic.com and for audio clips go to <http://lyndonunderground.com/the-critic.htm>

Some People's Trash, Other People's Scholarships

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

The Faculty Staff Scholarship recipients for the 2011-12 school year have been decided, and they are excited.

"Some people look at a 500 dollar scholarship and say, that's only 500 dollars, but to me it's like 'Oh my god! That's 500 dollars, let me get it!'"

Kelly Butler, a sophomore double majoring in Atmospheric Science and Applied Math, said enthusiastically

about receiving one of the Faculty Staff Scholarships for this semester.

“Overall, I just feel very honored and appreciative,” said Erin Milne, a junior whose primary major is Math Secondary Education.

Butler and Milne are two of five Lyndon State College students to receive the 500 dollar scholarship from the committee this semester. Vance Brooks, Mariah Ogden, and Julia Trombley were also selected after an application

and committee review process. "It was pretty simple to apply, there was a form on the LSC website. It asks you some questions about your extra curricular activities, work experience, your major, just general stuff like that," Milne said describing the application process.

The scholarship comes from money raised by the Faculty/Staff Scholarship Committee throughout the year with events such as The Faculty/Staff Silent Auction, Comfy

Days for staff, the PEI musician's concert and bake sale, and the popular campus event The Spring Dip.

This weekend, Saturday, September 17, the committee is raising money for the scholarship with a yard sale outside the Rita Bole Gym from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sale items were donated by faculty, staff, and community members. There will be an array of items to choose from- everything from books, to jewelry, to kitchen items. All the leftover items

will be donated to local charities to prevent waste.

"I feel like Lyndon is reaching out to people because I can't really afford to go to school, so having scholarships available that people can fill out shows that being involved with others on campus can benefit you," Butler explained.

"I encourage people to apply because it's easy and you never know when you're going to win!" Milne said enthusiastically.

Rent-A-Text: A Year Later

Burning, Breaking, Boiling is a Bust

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

Since the program began last fall, book rentals at the LSC bookstore have become more popular and more readily available, with only minor problems.

"At first I was a little apprehensive because I wasn't sure if highlighting was allowed or if I'd ever remember to bring them back on the right day," said LSC senior Dani Drown, who rents as many books as she can from the bookstore. "But it's really worked out in my favor because most of the books I rent, I don't want to keep. It's saved me a lot of money."

Anita Little, manager of the bookstore, states that rented books can be written in, highlighted, and pages can be bent. She actually recommends that the students write in their

rented books to put down their name and patron ID number so the book can be identified if it is lost or stolen.

Reasons that a student would be turned away at the time of the return and be made to be full price would be if the book had water damage, a broken binding, or, as Little has seen in more extreme cases, torn out or burnt pages.

Little compares the return policy to that of a rental car: "If you don't bring it back or bring it back damaged, you have to pay for it."

One of Drown's favorite new features for the rental books is the sticker that is placed on the front of the books reminding students when to bring them back, "because at the point at the end of the semester our brains aren't really working anymore."

Of all the books that were rented out last fall, the first semester of this program, only

nine books were charged for the full price. Some of these books were too far damaged to be returned, while some students just never brought them back.

In order to rent books students need to create an account online by filling out a short form, be at least 18 years old, have a government issued ID, and present a credit or debit card which would be used as collateral.

"It was such an easy process that I barely even remember it," said Drown.

Little said the only reason that anyone would be denied a rental is if they had problems renting in the past, such as damaging or not bringing a book back.

LSC junior Phil Alexander says he's tried to sign up a total of four or five times, and is not able to rent books because of his rental account being "incomplete". Last year, after try-

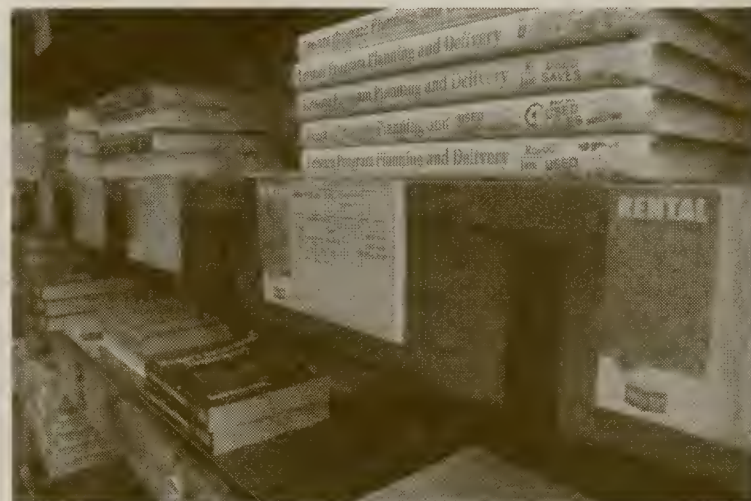


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Students get rental books for half the price.

ing multiple times, he was finally able to rent books and he returned these on the due date without any problems.

However, this year he has given up after refilling the form out twice and still being told that his account was incomplete, even after receiving confirmation e-mails about his new account.

"I was much more patient with the program last year, be-

cause it was the first year," said Alexander. "Now I have to order off EBay or Amazon because new books are too expensive."

While there are still some slight wrinkles in the program, it is continually growing at LSC. This semester there are 137 titles available to rent; students renting these books are saving 50 percent of the original prices.

Life of a Specialkid



Comic: Shera Howe

Bright Future at LSC

Peter Nute
News Editor

With levels of unrest and uncertainty at an all time high last year regarding the school's financial crisis, followed by the retirement of President Carol Moore in April, students and faculty alike weren't sure how LSC was going to recover.

Despite the panic button being pushed so fervently last semester that it nearly wore through, it appears as though members of faculty, as well as the student body, have eased their fingers from this metaphorical button, sat back, and taken a deep breath.

"The level of stress has been reduced, and people seem calm," said professor of Education, Timothy Sturm.

Sturm, who has met with Gold personally, showed his confidence in Chancellor Donovan's decision to bring in Gold on an interim basis, stating: "I'm impressed with him... given his work with unions and large groups of people, I think he is capable and has the right skills for the job. He's the type of person we need to stabilize the college."

English professor Elaine

Razzano echoed similar sentiments regarding the hiring of Gold. Razzano, during her tenure at Lyndon State has three presidents come and go, but remains positive about the recent hire.

"I'm pleased with the decision to hire President Gold. I'm hopeful because he listens to people and has touched on a lot of things I was hoping to hear, including how to deal with the benefits and challenges on an increased student body."

Sturm stated that he is impressed by the new freshman class, stating that they seem motivated and "interested in being in college." However, he hopes for a higher graduation rate. "The big incoming class is great; it helps us pay our bills. But we have to help students pay their bills in the future."

Sturm was surprised at how quickly the problems with the financial deficit ended, and wonders "how much of it was real, or fabricated to achieve another goal?" But with many of these issues set aside for now, he looks forward to doing "what we do best, which is teaching students and preparing them for the future."

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Journey Across the Pacific

Katelyn Zenie
Critic Correspondent

There are new international students at Lyndon this semester! I got a chance to chat with KeXin Xie (who wants to be called Chocy), a current freshman, who had much to say about her transition from a large city outside of Hong Kong, China.

Xie told me that one of the biggest reasons for com-

ing to the United States for college is the culture and the freedom of speech, which is more limited where she is from. She likes Vermont partially because of the beauty of the area, especially the mountains and trees. She likes the fresh air and how there is less people here than the city she is from. She also enjoys the gym on campus and likes the food here.

Xie also told me that she

likes the way our political system is set up because everybody can vote for a president. In China, there is only one political party, and the citizens have little to no say on the turn out of the presidential campaign.

When I asked Xie if she was homesick, she was quick to say no, and that she likes it here too much. She does however skype home, but there is a 12-hour difference so she

calls around midnight. Xie says the hardest thing about living here is understanding our language, both written and spoken.

Photo by: Katelyn Zenie
New Chinese student Chocy at the student center.



"I don't know what 'in the clear' is. I think that an important factor is just to keep everybody updated so that we're all on the same page instead of just something happening and then people overreacting and causing basically chaos, like what happened last year."

Alen Turajlic, Senior
Graphic Design – Print Concentration



"It's good to hear. It's a relief that we aren't in as much trouble as we originally thought we were. It's definitely a big sigh of relief."

Dave Daly, Senior, Music Business

"Obviously the students did something right and people are listening. ... And I think that when everyone was walking through here and they saw us, it made an impact in people's minds and it obviously did something."

Jessica Walsh, Junior
Electronic Journalism Arts



After participating in the sit-in last year, how do you feel after hearing that LSC is 'in the clear'?

"Why are we still letting go of a really good teacher, why are some of these other projects not being dealt with and things funded appropriately?"

Justin Chenette, Junior
Electronic Journalism Arts

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Lite Turn Out for Vigil



Only 37 students attended a candlelight vigil in honor of victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

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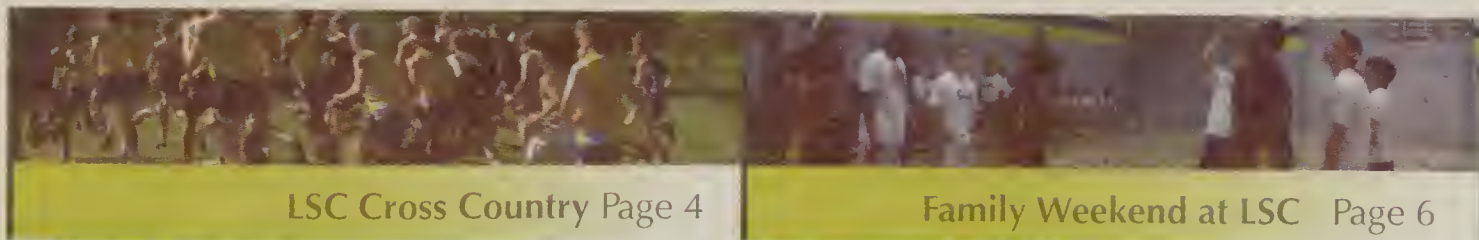
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FACULTY AND STAFF WEIGH IN

Peter Nute
News Editor

Though the role of president at Lyndon State College may be temporarily filled, but faculty and administration from thinking about what is important in future leadership to keep the college moving in the right direction.

"We need someone who is inquisitive and open minded because of the way the two qualities feed into decision making," said recently tenured professor David Johnston, of the English department.

Johnston believes that the future president must understand and be ready for the challenges that face higher education, including state funding and accreditation.

The future of Lyndon State has become somewhat blurry for faculty, students, and administration alike, given the issues the college faced last year and is still dealing with today. However, the future of current and prospective students at LSC is still what drives the faculty and administration.

"I would hope that this person (the future president) will be absolutely passionate about Lyndon students," said Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Donna Dalton.

Dalton hopes that what brings potential candidates to the college won't just be the title of president,



Who will take their place behind the president's esteemed desk next?

Photo by: Sierra Willenburgh

but the passion to work with students of varying backgrounds and interests.

"This is a place worthy of all of us doing our very best," she said.

English professor Richard Moyer came to Lyndon State after teaching at Columbia as both a graduate student and assistant professor.

Moyer believes that new leadership needs to reflect the same vision.

"The institution needs to see the same value, and it hasn't for some time. Carol (Moore) did not see that as the role of this college. I need a president who will see that value and treasure it," Moyer said.

Lyndon's message is simple: prepare every student for personal and professional success.

"We have to prepare our students for jobs we haven't even imagined yet," Moyer said. "What we need, as any institution does, is a president who can both understand the scope and nature of our mission; who understands the nature and purpose of education, and who can articulate that purpose and nature to a stingy public and a stingy legislature for funding."

Elizabeth Norris, professor in the Music and Performing Arts department, has watched the music business program grow in the past

five years, from eight students during its first semester to over one-hundred now. Norris would like to see a president who understands the impact the arts has on an academic community, noting that she believes Steve Gold is one who sees that value.

"We are always looking at the bottom line being the number of students, how many, what's the retention, but I think unless we begin to understand and embrace the impact the arts has on Lyndon State, or we will only ever be a second rate college," said Norris. She also believes that the future president needs to see the value of time

of people's time, and not just the faculty, but all across the college.

"I will be looking for someone who will be willing to take the time to understand what Lyndon is; who will be appreciative of the richness that is here," Dalton said.

"We are a unique institution. In some respects, the search for a new president is like a marriage, where you need to go into this not with the assumption that you're going to change the other person, but that you're going to accept that other person for what they are and hope, by virtue of your presence, that the two of you together can make each one even better."

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Favorite Majors: Incoming Freshmen Choose Mountain Rec.

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

Incoming freshmen seem to prefer kayaking to calculus.

Out of the incoming 542 incoming students this year, the mountain recreation management department has the highest number of students claiming 55 of them while only 9 have joined the mathematic and information sciences department.

"We always want more students," said James Bozeman, the math department head, "but what we do have is actually a higher percentage of students than the national average."

The national average of math majors within colleges with that degree is 1%. The nine incoming

students that are math majors make up 1.66% of the class. Last year the incoming math majors made up 1.51%, so as Bozeman said the major at LSC "is small but not unusually small."

Bozeman says that the students can also have more personal relationships with the professors because of the small department size.

"Almost all of our majors can tutor in the math resource room, so there are a lot of benefits in that sense as well," said Bozeman.

Another thing that does not factor in this number is atmospheric science majors who double major with math, but are not counted with the math majors because it is not their first major.

Bozeman says if they were counted as well, the students counted as math majors would probably double.

The incoming mountain recreation management majors make up 10% of the class, while it only made up 7.5% of the incoming class last fall.

"It stands out," said mountain recreation management professor Thomas Anderson. "The type of students attracted to our program like hands-on experiential learning."

There are skill courses such as rock and ice climbing, mountaineering, and learning to ski and ride, as well as standard classes with book learning.

The program also qualifies for

the NEBHE (New England Board of Higher Education) program so some nearby out of state students can do this major while paying tuition that is lower than normal out of state tuition.

While the department does not do any specific marketing besides what admissions does, they do have a FaceBook page and have got many new students by word of mouth.

"We have students who like our program and tell people about it," said Anderson.

Though, he thinks that it is the extra push that admissions gave this year for the school as a whole that brought their numbers from 35 new students last year to 55 this year.

As a whole, the school has 80 more incoming students this fall, than it did last fall.

The departments following mountain recreation management with the highest numbers of incoming freshmen are atmospheric sciences with 51, Exercise Science with 50, and Business Administration with 46.

Business Administration was the most popular major last year accounting for almost 10% of the new students, while it only now accounts for 8.5%.

Following math with low numbers this year are liberal studies with 10 students, and natural sciences and English, philosophy, and film studies tied with 22 new students each.



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Beware the Student Loan Bubble!

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

The dot-com bubble is a dim memory for most Americans and no memory at all for many college students who were barely out of kindergarten when the bubble burst. But, except for some high-tech entrepreneurs who put their homes in hock to play the game and some venture capitalists who risked their client's capital, that bubble was not such a big deal.

A lot more Americans were hurt when the stock market tumbled in 2003. For a long time, the stock market had looked like a sure thing. Some politicians argued that social security taxes should be invested in the stock market to give retirees a more comfortable nest egg. Then the bull market ended. Retirement plans were canceled. Retirees living on dividends had to tighten their belts.

But stocks began to rise again and more and more people went back into the market. But just a few years later, share prices fell even harder and faster.

That settled it for most people. The only really safe investment was real estate. Nobody could go wrong by owning a home. Real estate values had been rising for decades. So why shouldn't all Americans have their share of the pie?

Banks that denied home loans to the poor and disadvantaged were guilty of discrimination. Ninja loans were created to provide the benefit of home ownership to those with neither job nor sufficient income to afford them. Mortgage payments could be made by drawing on the inevitable growth of equity in a perpetually rising housing market.

Soon home prices were rising to levels far beyond the point at which they were affordable based on conventional standards. Inevitably, the end came. In some areas, home prices fell by more than half and equity turned to debt. Many homeowners were "underwater." They owed more on their home than the home was worth. Some struggled to make their payments, while others simply walked away, leaving bankers and investors in mortgage-backed securities holding the bag.

Meanwhile the costs of waging wars in the Middle East caused government debt to soar to the multi-trillion-dollar level. Republicans and Democrats argued whether the solu-

tion was higher taxes or lower expenditures. Neither recognized that the problem had gone far beyond the point where conventional solutions could work.

So, what's next? Has the last bubble burst?

Unfortunately not, and the next bubble is close to home. For years, a college education has been painted as the ticket to the good life and the old image of the starving student who struggled to make ends meet with two part-time jobs and studied far into the night was no longer acceptable. The solution was student loans requiring no credit and no ability to pay. To make such loans acceptable to lenders, laws were passed that made a student loan the only form of indebtedness, other than debts owed to the government itself, that could not be discharged through bankruptcy.

Now we have an economy teetering on the brink of depression with unemployment levels resisting all government attempts at "stimulus." Where will tomorrow's students burdened with huge debts find jobs that provide enough income for a decent living while meeting loan payment deadlines? And if those deadlines are not met, interest rates can skyrocket. Missed payments can destroy credit and with more and more employers requiring credit checks as a condition of employment, missed payments can make an applicant unemployable.

It's easy to foresee a chain reaction that will begin with former students missing a payment and ending with an avalanche of student loan defaults. Not only will this be a personal tragedy to many of today's students, it may be the straw that breaks the back of the economy.

It will be a very heavy straw. Student loan debt now exceeds the total credit card debt in the United States.

What needs to be done? For one thing, students can no longer be treated as a cash cow that can support extravagance in the educational system. A few decades ago, there were state and city colleges in the United States that provided a first-class education, free of tuition, to students willing to work hard. We'll never see that again. But why can't we shift our priorities and focus on providing (and receiving) the best education possible at the lowest cost?

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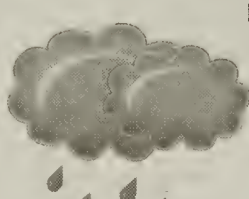
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What the Funk is Going On?

Your Weekly Musings from a Maniacal Music Man

Brian Lacharite

Ladies and Gentlemen, WE ARE BACK! And by WE I mean ME.

Yes I've been on hiatus for awhile now, but I'm back and ready to shake up the journalism game once again. I find myself in the company of some fresh new talent in the opinion section here. Especially that Angry Ani over on the other page. I'm gonna try to stay out of her way. I'll just have to do my best to stand

out from the rest of the wolf pack.

Pop quiz, readers! What was the very first issue I tackled back in the Fall of 2010? I know you're all racking your brains on this one. Perhaps you're digging through your bin of old Critic issues. I'll wait...just a little bit longer. Give up? I'm a little bit disappointed none of you got it. The answer we were looking for was bike racks...that's bike racks everyone. Yes one of the very first problems I examined on our campus was the lack of bike racks available for students to use. Well its one year later and things haven't changed a bit it seems. I mean what the funk is going on around here?!

Despite my numerous concerns being voiced at a few SGA meetings during the spring semester, it seems all my comments were ignored or forgotten. Granted they're still SLOWLY working on getting HAC renovated to accommodate bikes and skis, but that still doesn't address/change the issue at hand. As far as I know there is only one bike rack on campus and it is located in front of ASAC. The truth is it would be nice

to be able to ride your bike to class or around campus and not always have to go retrieve it from HAC, or the Wheelock basement, or the random 3 maybe 4 spaces available in front of ASAC. Biking from Rita Bole to the dining hall for instance is significantly faster. With everyone in a rush all the time it might help increase efficiency and productivity around campus. I'm just saying I don't know how much it would cost to install say 5 or 6 bike racks around various parts of campus, but I doubt it would cost nearly as much as has been allocated to more frivolous projects around this school.

Just something for all you SGA Reps and members to think about the next time a meeting comes around. If you believe in the positive physical, economical, and ecological benefits of biking, then speak up! Help our school become more bike friendly! I really don't want to have to write this same article again NEXT YEAR!

Join me next week as I look at another big issue around our campus and try to decode what the funk is going on with it.

Angry Ani Speaks Out:

Teen Mom and MTV: Nah Trick!

YEAH PLAYAH! Third week of Angry Ani! Go me. It's weird, the more I write about the things that make me angry, the angrier I get. Though, I do go to Lyndon State, therefore I have a student body that never seems to let me down... in the angry department. So what's making me angry now? A LOT.

How about the shows Sixteen and Pregnant and Teen Mom? Before I start ranting, I'd like to say I have nothing against teen moms, just the shows that MTV decided to make about them. Why does this make me angry though? First of all, the obvious: you get pregnant, at a time in your life that's not really considered to be the most appropriate, nor convenient, and then MTV puts you on TV and makes you a celebrity (yes, you are still a celebrity, even if it is for infamous reasons). Actually, I take that back, you're not a celebrity; YOU'RE A TEEN MOM - who for some odd reason, was given a TV show. Now sure, some of you are out there saying (in a bitch voice), "oh but the media is just trying to show the hardships that teen moms go through because people need to understand the burdens of their situation." Well we get it; pregnancy is enough of a burden, whether you're sixteen, or seventy-two, there is no leisure in pregnancy. Lifetime hasn't made a show called "Seventy-two and Expecting," so why the hell do we need to

hear about it when you're sixteen?

Also, the fact that there are TWO shows dedicated to this phenomenon, pisses me off. It's like Sixteen and Pregnant is the show that documents all the dirty, nitty gritty, hormonal overweight teens yelling at their toolish baby daddies, but then we have the sequel, Teen Mom, which shows no longer overweight teen mom's, due to her new cocaine habit that was developed, due to her new paycheck from MTV, DUE TO her teen pregnancy that the viewers, and the teen moms, have somewhat forgot about in between their manicures and non-mom college friends' parties. Bottom line, these shows, make. Ani. angry. Side note: Props to the couple that gave up their baby for adoption, who turned out to be actual decent people. Eric Blaisdell, editor of the Critic, and I, thank you.

On the topic of babies, parents who think they [and their children] can do whatever they want just because they have kids makes me angry. I was once in a restaurant called Big Boy's (against my will), when I was like ten years old, when the kids in the booth behind us ordered hot dogs off of the children's menu. Well instead of eating these hot dogs, like normal hungry children, the kids chewed them, stood up on the shoddy ass vinyl seats, turned around and began spitting the

A.B.C. hot dog chunks at the back of my head and neck. For starters, I hate any food that comes in tube form, i.e. hot dogs, and getting them spit at the back of my head from a juvenile stranger really made me angry.

However, I'm not usually the one to let things that piss me off slide by, or in this case, fall down the back of my shirt. My initial reaction was to: A. Turn around and tell their parents what they were doing, or B. Chew up my food, turn around and spit it back in their faces. Well, like a civilized human being, I chose to turn around and tell their parents to please stop the kids from spitting their food at the back of my neck, I mean that's not too much to ask right? "THEY'RE ONLY CHILDREN," the mom replied back to my request, "and they're just HOT DOGS." I was ten years old and even I knew this bitch was crazy.

So then, I asked the waitress to please ask them to stop and what was her response? "They're the parents, and they have three young kids,

so..." SO WHAT!?!?! THESE BITCHES ARE SPITTING HOT DOGS AT MY NECK!!! Well I took the high road, which didn't work, so I took the second high road, and that didn't work. So what was left? Plan B: Turn around and spit my chewed up food in the kids' faces, which is exactly what I did. We got kicked out, and I'm pretty sure I was never going to be allowed in a Big Boy franchise ever again... and I was fine with that.

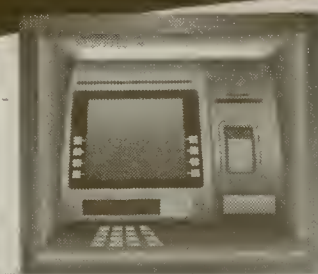
What else... Overprotective girlfriends. Guys, if you like that much protection, get a freaking bodyguard, or just wear a condom.

Mirror pictures. I really don't see the point of a mirror picture on facebook. (For those of you who don't know what a mirror picture is, it is a picture of yourself taken IN A

MIRROR, with the flash on, and if you're a skank you are probably in a bathing suit). If you ever become so bored that you start photographing yourself, and the thought, "Gee I wonder how this would look if I took it in the mirror," comes to your mind, let me just remind you, it would probably look exactly the same as if you took a full body shot WITHOUT the mirror image, although we would sadly still have to see your face since there would be no gigantic flash over it. Bottom line - don't take mirror pictures.

So there you have it. All of the things that are making me angry this week. Until next time, I'm Ani, and I'm angry, and you better be freaking happy you get to read about it bitches.

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Hopkins On Par With Success

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State College student Brian Hopkins has been at it for a long time.

"When I was 10, a buddy of mine got his son and I into the junior program at St. Johnsbury Country Club. It all kind of started there, and I spent my summers there, improving my game up until now," Hopkins said.

A former three-sport athlete in high school, Hopkins struggled to find time for golf. However, at the age of 15, Hopkins realized that golf was his best sport. It was then that he

started to play as an amateur golfer in the state of Vermont.

Still, it was the time that Hopkins spent with his friends that proved the most valuable of all.

"I spent a lot of time just playing with friends. Even though I was fooling around, I was still working on my game," Hopkins said.

Whether it is fooling around, or focusing on a game, Hopkins brings the same approach to golf as he does to life.

"I'm a pretty patient person off the golf course, but it has also helped me on the golf course," Hopkins said.

It is that patience that has allowed Hopkins to become the number four amateur golfer in the state of Vermont.

However, Hopkins strives for even better than that.

"Honestly, it's a little disappointing. I know that there's room in my game to get that much better, and hopefully I can be number one next year," Hopkins said.

Hopkins recently played in a tri-state match, representing the state of Vermont against other amateur golfers from New Hampshire and Maine. There was a total of fourteen golfers in the match, according

to Hopkins.

Players in the tri-state match were ranked based on ability, and Hopkins was ranked number one on the team. He was able to defeat the number-one golfer for the team of Maine. Unfortunately, however, Hopkins lost to the number-one golfer for the state of New Hampshire.

Regardless, representing the state of Vermont was very enjoyable for Hopkins.

"Just to put my name with Vermont, now that's an honor in its own regard," Hopkins said.

Hopkins must also deal

with other priorities, such as being a student and an employee at Country Club of Vermont.

Yet he believes that it is all possible if he keeps his goals clear.

"You got to get your priorities right and know what you want to get out of it," Hopkins said.

The ultimate goal for Hopkins is to advance his golf career as far as he can.

"It takes time, but if you have the right mindset and the right confidence, you can take it as far as you want," Hopkins said.

Women's Soccer Starts Strong

Daniel Weiner
Critic Correspondent

The Lady Hornets soccer team started their season strong winning their first four games but lost a hard fought game to Castleton in overtime.

After that 4-0 start, they have been offensively shutdown being shutout in three straight contests, including a heartbreaking double-overtime loss 1-0 to Castleton at home last Saturday.

Even though the team has hit a wall offensively, Coach Shay Gestal is very aware of the circumstances, but is also optimistic when speaking about the team and knows what they have

to work on.

"One thing we're working on in practice is getting the ball to the end line and getting it back," she said. "Every single shot during games goes straight to the keeper."

Coach Gestal acknowledges there are a lot of fresh faces on the team, but she thinks it's a positive improvement.

"We have a lot of new players, and think that's a really good thing," Gestal says. "[It's] a new start from last year, with new energy."

Leading the team in shots is Sarah Cornell, one of the many freshmen on the team. She at-

tributes the Lady Hornets success to how the team relates to each other not just on the field but off the field as well.

"Our connection with each other, both on and off the field," Cornell says. "We're all really good friends, and we're all really positive with each other and help each other."

"My personal goal is to do as much as I possibly can to help the team get to, and win the NAC championship."

The Lady Hornets (4-3)(0-1 NAC) next match is at home Saturday against NAC rival University of Maine-Farmington (3-1-2)(2-0 NAC).



Photo By: Ian MacDonald

Sarah Cornell takes a shot during the team's most recent game

LSC Host of XC Meet



Photo By: Mary Sloan

Josh Grant topped the field in 21:09 to lead the Lyndon men's cross country team to the Hornet Invitational title Sept. 17 on the Lyndon State College campus. The Hornet women placed fourth out of 5 teams at the event and were led by Allynne O'Hearn's 10th-place finish in 19:35. The women were without their top-three runner Ani Pytlewski.

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Changes Just Keep Getting Greener

Morgan Forester
Critic Correspondent

Get ready for change.

The Students for Campus Conservation Club is about to get a facelift; a new name, new posters and new events to get our school community more involved with sustainable living.

"We are in the process of changing our name from Students for Campus Conservation to the Sustainability Club," says the group's Vice President Aaron Emerson. Emerson believes the change will make the name easier to remember and perhaps make the club more accessible to other students.

According to the club's President, Chris Mullen, the new name will express more of what the club is about.

"Keeping yourself in a sustainable state is not just about the environmental or economic [parts of sustainability], it's also about the social and emotional [parts]," says Mullen.

According to Samantha Wolfe, the club's secretary, the name change request is just waiting for approval by the SGA.

Along with the name change the club has been brainstorming for new advertisements and events that will make them more involved with the campus.

The club has members from the English and Graphic Design majors and is hoping to use the talents of their members to make new eye-catching

posters for the Hornet's Nest and around campus to draw new members in and to keep everyone updated. They are also looking into making better signs for the waste receptacles in the Hornet's Nest to reduce confusion about which items should go where.

"Everyone participates in coming up with ideas," says Wolfe, "In our last meeting we talked a lot about what small events we could do to get other students involved."

Their ideas are extensive, from nature walks to identify invasive species to potluck dinners with local food and possible monthly movies that relate to nature and sustainability. There is also talk of bringing

composting to the dorms and doing more regular trash audits where the club members collect trash from around campus and separate out what could have been composted or recycled. The only thing that stands in the club's way is possible interference from the school.

When asked about the school's cooperation with the goals of the Campus Conservation Club, the faculty advisor for the group, Benjamin Luce, admitted there has been some frustration in the past.

"It took the Hornet's Nest a while to get on board with our new waste receptacles," says Emerson.

"It was more like half a semester," Mullen chimed in.

There are some problems with communication between the club and the school but the club is pushing their ideas forward and wants to continue their growth as a club and as a presence on campus.

"We welcome everyone," says Wolfe. The club is very open to new members and stresses that you don't have to be a part of the major to be a part of the club.

If you're interested in making a difference with Campus Conservation, or just interested in meeting some new people, the Students for Campus Conservation Club has meetings every Wednesday at 5:30PM in room S-123 in the Science Wing.

Shakespeare Cometh to LSC

Brittany Valentine
Entertainment Editor

Adam Brabant, Theater Operations Management major at Lyndon, has always had his mind set on one thing: To be the director of a theater company.

Last fall, Brabant came to Lyndon with the hope of having his lifelong dream come true. Brabant has been involved with theater since he was a child, but since his start at Lyndon a year ago, he has been involved with

two of the plays performed by the Twilight Players.

Brabant has been involved with theater for as long as he can remember. He has done it all—from on-stage acting to working behind the scenes. In Montana, where he used to live, Brabant started a community theater company, and also had an Internship with Kingdom County Productions.

This semester, for his independent study, Brabant finally gets to be the director of a play. Just a few weeks ago, auditions

were held for *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged*.

This is a two-hour performance that includes Shakespeare's entire work put together, into one humorous play. The play only includes four roles, but he has high hopes since the four roles were filled with very talented individuals.

We do have the Twilight Theater productions here on campus and like a previously stated, Brabant helped out with both performances last year, but he has been yearning for some-

thing more.

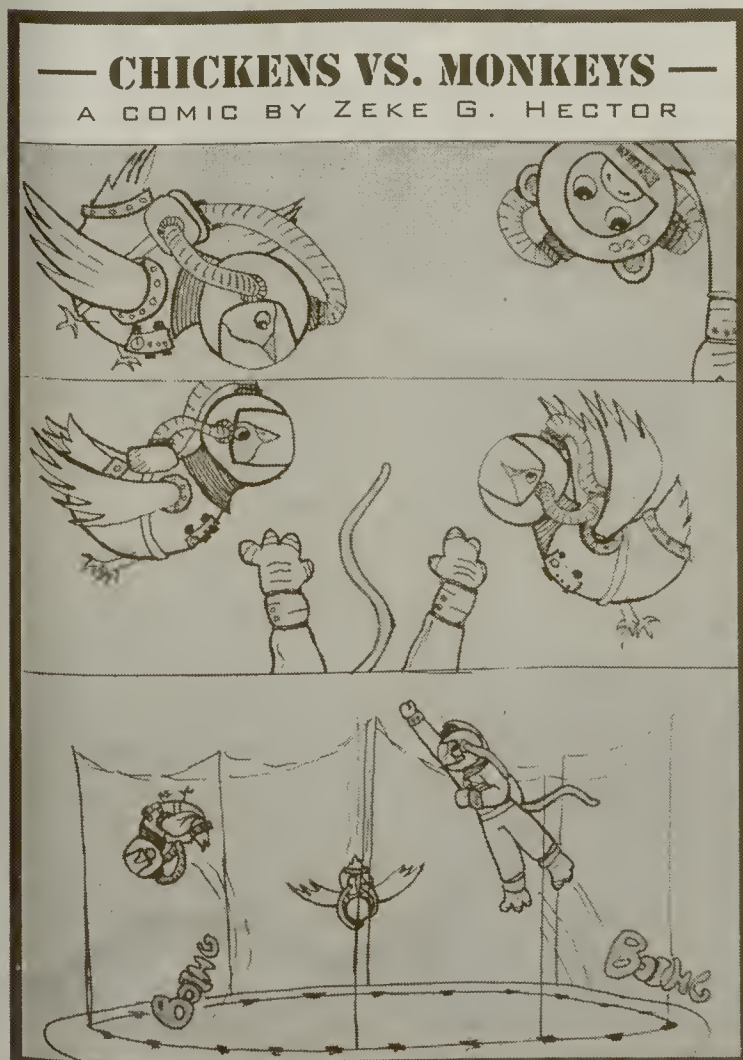
"There are so many talented people here on campus and I wanted to do this play to give them more opportunity to be involved," says Brabant.

As of right now, this performance is a one-time thing here at Lyndon, but Brabant does have the hopes to take this particular performance on tour—to perform *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* on at least three other sites off campus.

Auditions are over, re-

hearsal has begun, but props and money for the set are still needed. Brabant plans on taking this money out of his own pocket, in order to make this performance a successful one. On top of that, Brabant also has to pay a \$25 fee each time the play is performed (to the theater company).

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged is set to be performed December 1st-3rd, in ASAC 100. The times will be announced at a closer date.



Capturing the Spirit



LSC students show their spirit during Family and Alumni Weekend.

Photo by: Morgan Forester



LSC students take a foul shot while playing the Harlem Wizards.

Photo by: Morgan Forester

Anybody Can be an Athlete at LSC

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

At Lyndon State College there are many ways for the students to get exercise, and one of those is intramural sports.

Intramural sports can be a great alternative for students who can't commit to a varsity sport, but still want to compete and have some fun. Almost any type of sport you can think of is offered as either an intramural league, tournament, or showcased as a special event.

Basketball, softball, flag football, water-polo, volleyball, and floor hockey are all offered as leagues and require a team for participation. Each team wishing to participate in the leagues must sign up in the intramural office located by the Standard Gym. Even if some-

one does not have a team, they can still compete in intramural sports. Simply contact the intramural office and ask to be placed on the "free agent" list for that particular sport.

Each league has a regular season and playoffs with one champion at the end of the sporting year. The champions of each league will receive an intramural championship T-shirt for every member of the team.

"Intramural sports at some points are as intense as regular ones. It's hard work and fun, and it's an awesome way to meet new friends." Said former LSC student and intramural floor hockey captain Enrico Paparo Jr. He continued, "I know for me it was the thrill of competition, and what's better than being able to say, 'I'm a champion?'" Jonathan Davis, the As-

sociate Dean of Student Affairs and an avid intramural participant had a different approach. "Intramural sports are an essential part of this campus. It's a great way to meet new people and compete in sports while focusing on sportsmanship and having fun."

If a student can't commit to a long intramural season, there are tournaments all throughout the school year that offer the same competition as the leagues. Sports like racquetball, Ping Pong, badminton, basketball, and horseshoes are all offered as tournaments. To find out when a tournament will be taking place, students can look for flyers posted throughout the campus or contact the intramural office.

Special intramural events

take place periodically throughout the school year, and are most always personal events. Games like golf, home run derby, bowling, board games, and many more are available for students who need something to do. Special events usually only happen once a year, so if students want to participate they need to contact the intramural office.

The office is located in G-102 right next to the Standard Gymnasium and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can call the Intramural office from campus with the extension 6242 or from any phone by dialing 802-626-6242. Students may also contact anyone in the office by sending an email to intramural@lyndonstate.edu

Weekly Horoscopes

Libra
September 23 -October 22
You will be trampled by a woolly mammoth.

Scorpio
October 23 -November 21
You will eat pie, and like it.

Sagittarius
November 22 -December 21
This weekend you better party like it's 1999.

Capricorn
December 22 -January 19
Don't eat lucky charms today, you will get bad luck.

Aquarius
January 20 -February 18
You will fall into a worm hole.

Pisces
February 19 -March 20
Today you are going to laugh so hard you pee your pants.

Aries
March 21 -April 19
Nobody likes you, so go eat slugs.

Taurus
April 20 -May 20
Insert your own horoscope here.

Gemini
May 21 -June 20
Don't do your homework.

Cancer
June 21 -July 22
Think with your heart, not your head.

Leo
July 23 -August 22
Buy a lottery ticket. You will win!

Virgo
August 23 -September 22
Stop being lazy.

Ryan's Review: "Relax" by Das Racist

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Correspondent

Score: 8/10

Brooklyn based hip-hop trio hits hard with their first commercially released album.

Das Racist has always had a unique and fresh sound to them. Ever since their debut in 2008 with the amusing and ridiculously catchy single "Combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell" and two momentous critically acclaimed mixtapes, "Shut Up, Dude" and "Sit Down, Man", released in 2010 the group has been a force to be reckoned with.

So, does "Relax" manage to continue the trend of greatness from Heems, kool ad, and Dap?

In short: yes. Das Racist's beats and lyrics have progressed such a great deal in the past few years and I believe this is the culmination of their career so far. Das Racist's style is very different a lot of today's mainstream hip hop and rap. But for what they do and how they do it, it works amazingly well. Most songs from Das Racist have infectious hooks that will stick in your mind for hours, even days. The best example is from the first single from the album, the hard hitting "Michael Jackson". When you first hear the hook/chorus ("Michael Jackson, a million dollars, you feel me?") it will stay in your mind, be it for a few hours, or for a few days.

The lyrics from Das Racist are unique, in that they never seem like they're going anywhere or that they don't have a point. The thing is a lot of their lyrics are a great commentary on things like race, capitalism, and other aspects of society. The best part is, it's done in a roundabout and silly way. The album does have its lows, but even its lows aren't even *that* low. There are a few songs like "Booty in the Air" and "Middle of the Cake" that just don't hit with me. They seem to throw off the flow of the album a bit. Also, as great as their production is, there are a few songs where it's just alright. It's nothing all that special. They also added a few songs ("Rainbow in the Dark" and "Shut Up, Dude") from their mixtapes, which would be fine except, they're unchanged. They're not bad songs at all, in fact "Rainbow in the Dark" is one of my favorite songs from them, I just don't like that they didn't change anything up



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for them at all.

Overall, this album is something you don't want to miss, it's a solid first true album by a groundbreaking new group in hip hop.

Tracks you'll love: "Happy Rappy" "Michael Jackson" "Rainbow in the Dark"

Tracks you can skip: "Booty in the Air" "Middle of the Cake"

Single of the week: "Bonfire"- Childish Gambino

Actor/Comedian Donald Glover does it again as his rapper alter-ego Childish Gambino. His words hit so hard in this new song off his upcoming album "Camp" the song honestly just speaks for itself. His word play is so top notch that you need to listen to it multiple times to catch everything he throws at you. You'll probably be listening to it multiple times anyway for the beat alone. I cannot recommend this song enough. You can pick it up on iTunes or listen to it on iamdonald.com. Do yourself a favor and listen to this.

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"Mighty" Rockstar is "Boss" at LSC

Derek Campbell
Critic Correspondent

It's not every college that has a certified rock star on the payroll. When Lyndon State got serious about their Music Business and Industry program it was clear that a seasoned musician who's toured the world, played for thousands of screaming fans and written and recorded a number one hit single would be an essential asset to the program. Lucky for them one had offered his services and the MBI program was smart enough to snatch him up.

Joe Gittleman is the bass player and songwriter for one of the biggest bands to ever come out of New England, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones. He is one of those rare musicians who has actually been instrumental in creating a genre of rock music, Ska-Core.

Anyone who has taken one of Joe's classes can tell you that he's not just a badass bass player; he's also a damn fine teacher. I recently sat down with Joe to talk about The Bosstones, the music biz and teaching at LSC.

When asked how he started playing music Gittleman said, "It's just what you do with pals. You know, somebody gets a guitar for Christmas and then the next thing you know someone's asking for a drum set for their birthday. I was probably twelve years old when I started bangin around on instruments... I ended up settling

as a bass player because everybody needed one.

"During high school I started working for bands. I started roadying... I took that job really seriously... After I graduated high school I was invited to go on a full US tour [with the band Gang Green]... It was an education."

After working as a roadie for Gang Green Joe was asked to join the group on bass. They made a few records and Joe continued to gain valuable experience.

"I said, 'I'm gonna take what I learned with that band and apply it to the Bosstones.' Now I knew how to tour, I knew people, I could get us shows in New York City, I understood the process of being a band," said Gittleman.

It wasn't long before things really started happening for the Bosstones.

"If I was to tell you the moment when things went from high school kick around to, 'there might be something here' [it would be] the very first time we played an all ages show in Boston opening up for a band that could draw 400 people... it was off the rails... within the span of three months we went from opening up our first all ages show to selling out our first headline show at the Paradise Club in Boston... I remember, I asked the sound guy 'what's the capacity here?' and he said 'why do you care?' as if to say 'you're never gonna fill

this place."

Well they did fill it, and many more venues to come. A fan of the band financed their first album and they were on their way. Eventually the Bosstones were signed to Mercury Records

"The guy who produced our first Mercury record... had engineered AC/DC's Back in Black and he also had recorded Bob Marley... and things continued to grow," said Gittleman.

After touring and touring and drinking and making more records and more touring, The Bosstones were not selling tons of records and growing unhappy with their record company. Mercury records weren't exactly thrilled with The Bosstones either.

Gittleman said, "Basically... [Mercury executives said] 'There's the door. If you guys want to bail go ahead. We were kind of knocked back by that. So that's when we regrouped and said 'Alright, let's really spend time making the right record for the next one. We spent a year making demos; we started really studying music, song construction. We started asking 'what really makes a song connect with people?' ... We had a team of people who really believed in the band and the times had changed. Things started getting played on the radio that were more like us... and so we just had the right song at the right time."



Photo by: Derek Campbell

Gittleman stands in front of his albums from the Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

That song was "The Impression That I Get" the biggest hit that the Bosstones would produce to date. It hit number one on the billboard charts. At that point things really took off for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

"The pressure was just on," said Gittleman. "The promotions and touring schedule was brutal. There was no such thing as a day off: we did Saturday Night Live, Conan, David Letterman twice, we opened up the Video Music Awards for MTV."

Things may have slowed down a bit for the Bosstones but they are still a very popular attraction playing major festival tours around the world and drawing more than 8,000 fans each year at their annual

Christmas show in Boston.

Joe and his wife have been visiting Vermont for years and eventually decided to settle in the Northeast Kingdom. He's getting his degree while he's teaching at LSC.

"The thing about Lyndon is there's a real emphasis on experience," said Gittleman. "They value their instructors experience in the real world. It's not any institution that's going recognize the value my experience and give me an opportunity to teach. So I'm lucky in that way."

To hear my interview with Joe Gittleman in it's entirety (and if you ask me it is essential listening for any MBI student) check out The Critic Multi Media page on Lyndonunderground.com

Public Safety Log

9/20 Destruction of Property
Stonehenge Parking Lot

You break it, you buy it.

9/17 Smoking Violation in Whitelaw

That's not smoke, my roomie just ate nachos.

9/17 Underage Drinking/ Marijuana in Whitelaw

But its, like, natural, man.

9/18 Medical- Student hit head and was dizzy in Whitelaw

Mental note: Dizzy Bat's may cause injury.

9/19 Failure to comply with directions

No habla ingles!

9/18 Underage Drinking in Whitelaw

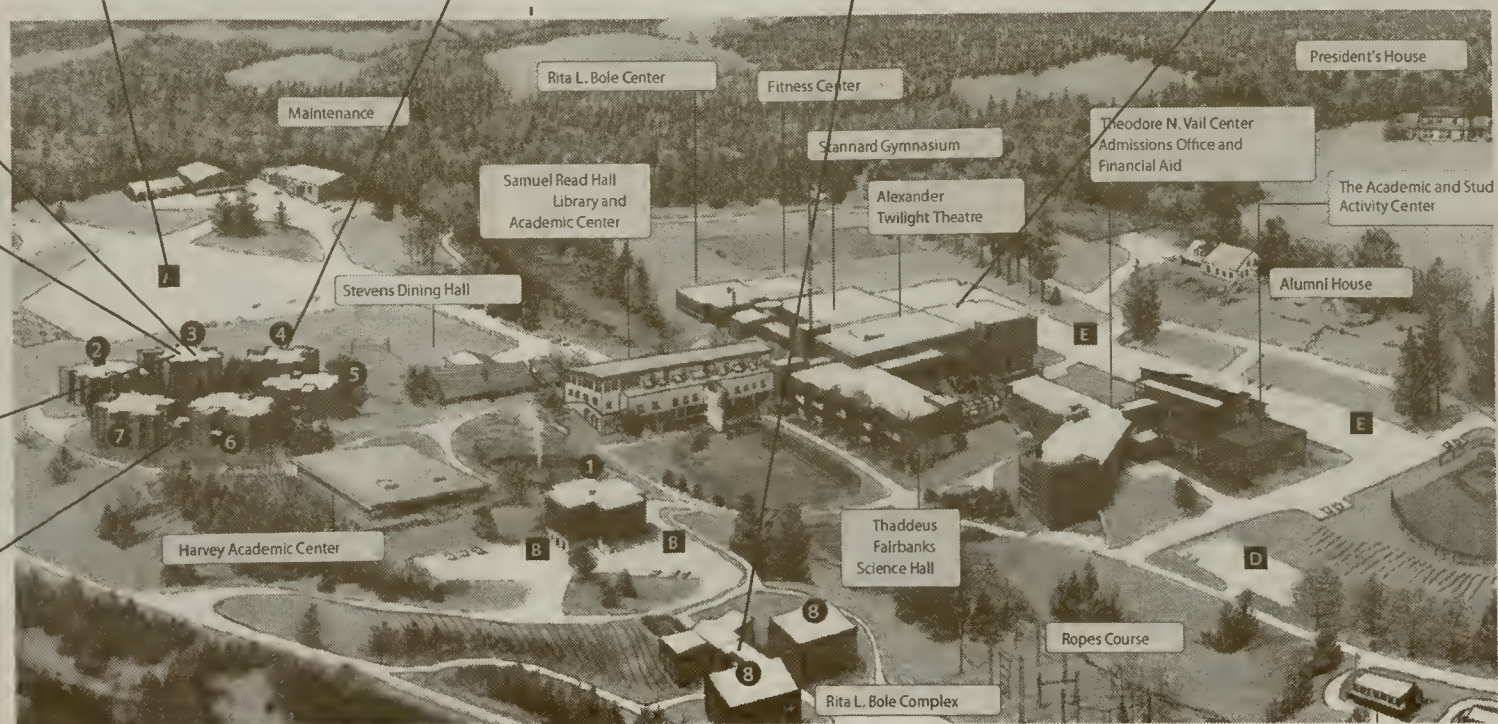
My last name is TOO McLovin!

9/17 Larceny in Rita Bole

Hey man, I'm just borrowing it.

9/19 News 7 Fire Alarm

Guys, we're supposed to report the news-not make it!



SGA President Looking Ahead to Bright Future

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

It's about more than money.

President of the Student Government Association, Nick Russo, wants the SGA to be more than a place for clubs to come for funding requests.

"After attending the SGA conference in Boston back in early August one of my goals is to make the SGA less of an ATM for all the clubs and really expand upon the things we do," said Russo. "As far as working on policy initiatives and making the college a better place for all the students, even

those who aren't involved in clubs."

He also wants to make the SGA more organized and focused.

"One of the things we are going to work on at the next SGA meeting is a strategic plan for the SGA," Russo said. "The college has a strategic plan and businesses have them so we figured it was a good idea to have one for the SGA. That way we can have goals that can be formulated by all the SGA representatives and it is not just the executive board having things thrown at us. We can have goals to strive for."

Russo took over the job as SGA President from John Kleinhans last spring.

"The transition was good. (Kleinhans) gave me some advice about how to be a leader," he said. "I took some of it and I am infusing some of my own leadership abilities."

The length of SGA meetings has been a bone of contention for students and that is something Russo wants to address quickly.

"We are going to make some slight amendments to Robert's Rules, which will hopefully make our meetings a little bit shorter and more effi-

cient," he said. "That is something I wanted to do last year because every year we have students who complain that our meetings are too long. We want to make them as condensed as possible without eliminating the discussion that needs to take place."

The amount of elected representatives about to join the SGA has Russo thrilled.

"We have 15 elected representatives this year, which is more than we've had to start in the previous two years," he said. "That is already a great place to start things off. I'm re-

ally excited for the elected representatives to get to work and provide their thoughts as well."

Russo recently sat down with Interim President Steve Gold.

"He is a great guy and I am really excited to work with him," said Russo. "He has some plans for the college that I really think will benefit all the students. I'm excited for his leadership."

Now that he is settled in, Russo's ready to take on the year.

"I'm excited to see what the year brings."

Overcrowding: Not an Issue

Greg Besso
Critic Correspondent

Even if housing this year's freshman class was tight, it has been pulled off.

The second-largest class in Lyndon State history is now in its freshman year. Concerns about housing arose earlier on before the year. However, those were unfounded by Jonathan Davis, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. The Department of Student Life "was very up-front...in saying that we're out of space in the residence halls," said Davis. Students were also told that they "could get on a waiting list if they need housing or they could commute from home," Davis further said.

Other colleges would make "forced triples and quadruples." However, at Lyndon, this never happened. "For us, there really wasn't any overcrowding in terms of what you would normally define as overcrowding, like students camped out in the

lounge," Davis said further.

Residence Hall Director Erin Rossetti agrees. "We have a pretty solid capacity as to the number of students that we can put into residence halls. We didn't add any extra students to rooms...and we didn't have any students in lounges, as some schools might," she said. But it was close. "On check-in day, we were at capacity...we wouldn't put extra people in triples to make them quads or anything like that," Rossetti further said.

This is also not the first time concerns arose. "I remember in my freshman year...I remember people being put up at the Colonnade Inn," said Lyndon student Britany Lavery. "I saw freshmen living in Rita Bole last year, which certainly isn't common."

The residence halls are at capacity, and nobody's overcrowded. Therefore, there is no cause for concern.



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Student Residence Halls, Arnold and Bayley at full compacity but not overcrowded.

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IT'S UP TO THE VSC

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

While Lyndon State College wants input on its next president, it can only contribute so much.

In an update about Lyndon State College's presidential search, Vermont State Colleges' Chancellor, Tim Donovan, stressed that it is the board of trustee's responsibility to hire a new president.

"This is the board of trustees search for a president for Lyndon," said Donovan. "It is not Lyndon's search for the president of Lyndon. That authority is vested in the board of trustees in statute."

He asked the assembled students, faculty and staff to trust the board.

"Judge the outcome, not the input," said Donovan. "We are going to be looking for the best possible person to match up where this institution is headed and can head. We are really going to be looking for the long-term, in terms of the long-term health and prosperity of this institution."

He then went on to give a brief timeline of the next few months of the newly appointed search committee, including starting the search in the beginning of November.

"That group is going to meet

for the first time on the 13 or 14 (of October) and that will be a process group to get people together," said Donovan. "One of the things I'm going to remind them of is that the work of that committee will be considered private and secret. Under the Vermont open meetings law it can be because it involves personnel actions."

The committee will eventually release who it is looking at.

"When we get to the point where there are a number of people that we are going to invite to the college to interview then their names and their backgrounds will become public information," he said.

In the mean time there will be a filtering process of potential candidates that starts with the chancellor.

"The board asks me to do an initial review of applications and to eliminate any that I think are not worth considering," said Donovan. "I have historically set that bar very low, but they've asked me to raise it with each search we've done a little bit."

Finding presidents for the other VSC schools has gone smoothly in the past.

"The last two searches that we have done I have had in the neighborhood of 60 to 70 of what I

would call good applications," said Donovan. "They tend to narrow down pretty quickly to somewhere around 15 that we will do phone interviews with as a search committee. From that we will identify finalists that we want to start to talk to seriously."

When the pool of applicants has been dwindled down to a few finalists those chosen will visit LSC.

"When we bring finalists to the campus there will be the ability in that setting for you to have input as well," he said. "That will be students, staff and faculty."

Having a president for 13 years retire has left the school unsure how to proceed, as many here have not gone through the process.

"In this system if we take the presidents that have been in place, I had an eight year run at the community college, Dave Walk's been at Castleton for 10 years, Barbara Murphy's been at Johnson 11 years and was at CCV eight years before that," Donovan said. "On one hand I count our blessings that we don't do this all the time. As much as anything else, I want to assure you that this is a pretty normal thing and it is a really exciting thing."

FIRST TIME IN 38 YEARS!



Photo Courtesy of Lyndon Athletics

LSC beats Plymouth off of Emily Strese's foot. See Women's Soccer Beats Plymouth (page 5) for the full story.

LSC Going Green

Morgan Forester
Critic Correspondent

Last week the Sustainability Club came forth with some of their frustrations with the school; now the school wants a say.

After hearing that the club was having some issues with the school's food service program, Aramark, Adam Vigue, the Food Service Director, was more than happy to provide answers to the frustrating questions the club has been asking.

"I would love to meet with them [The Sustainability Club]... any issues that they have, they can definitely come see me," says Vigue who is also a member of Lyndon's Sustainability Committee.

When asked about the use of local food in the dining hall and the Horner's Nest, Vigue stated that they do buy the majority of the food they use from the Black River Company. Black River is known for producing and delivering foods

locally. Although it is a step in the right direction it isn't quite like using the local farms in our area.

Vigue understands that there are a lot of farms in the area to buy from but explains that there are many requirements needed to be a vender to Aramark.

"All of our venders need to go through a rigorous process to be a vender, they have to go through safety plans, they need to carry so much insurance and have a whole set of guidelines. We can only buy through reputable buyers...if somebody gets sick, it's on us."

With that being said, they are planning a locally themed meal in Steven's Dining Hall for the beginning of October. The meal will be entirely Vermont local foods.

Composting was also an issue for the Sustainability

Club. During an event following hurricane Irene it was noticed that the compostable plates and silverware were not being used and extra trash was being created from ketchup packets.

"Right after the hurricane we could not get some items in, so we had to use the regular plates," replies Vigue. He also says that they try to use the compostable items "as often as possible."

It wasn't just an issue of using compostable materials but also

having a place to collect it. The Sustainability Club created waste receptacles to be placed in the Horner's Nest and in the common rooms of the dorms. These were mostly for sorting out recycling and trash but extra ones placed in the Horner's Nest were to be used for compostable materials. According to the club it took approximately half a semester for the receptacles to be left in place.

Maintenance Director, Tom Archer remembers hearing about the incident but was unable to give an answer as to why it happened. However he was more than happy to tell me about the new LED lights throughout the campus.

By just changing the bulbs outside, Archer says that it has "cut energy for outside lights by two thirds."

Not only have they upgraded to new bulbs, they have added in occupancy sensors that allow the already efficient lights to be

come twice as efficient by ensuring that they aren't left on when no one is using them.

The Sustainability Club had been concerned about what happened with the old bulbs that have been replaced by the LED bulbs.

"I do know that no bulbs are thrown in the garbage here, they are recycled," Archer assures us.

He also says that maintenance has been working closely with Efficiency Vermont to do energy audits and try to lower the schools energy consumption even more than it already has. Some of the changes have included new windows, more insulation, heat controls, smaller boilers, and deciding when to run those boilers. All of these seem to be working. According to Archer, Lyndon is being recognized for cutting back its energy consumption more than anyone else.

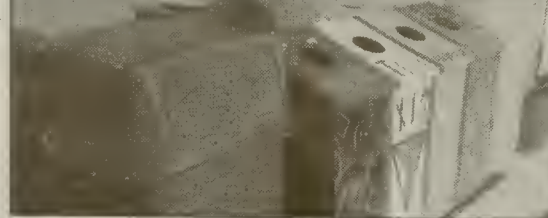
"We are constantly working on this," says Archer. He is happy to work with any of the students and faculty on conservation projects and is eager to hear any ideas about what could be done differently.



Photos by Morgan Forester

Above: Fluorescent lights at LSC

Below: Recycling containers at the Student Center



Campus Calendar

Sat. 10/1: Intramural Walley Ball @ 4PM
Sun. 10/2: Jean Charles Performs
Every Tues.: Disc Golf @ 1PM
Wed. 10/5: Career Info Session @ 2PM

A Quote to Note

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The Wizard's Revenge

Robert Patton

Opinion Editor

In the film version of the Wizard of Oz, the unmasked and defrocked carnival pitchman had to think fast to remain in control.

The Scarecrow had a head full of straw where a brain should be. What to do?

The erstwhile Wizard had a ready answer: "Back where I come from," he said, "we have universities, seats of great learning—where men go to become great thinkers. And when they come out, they think deep thoughts—and with no more brains than you have.... But! They have one thing you haven't got! A diploma!"

Pretty funny huh? How can a diploma replace intelligence and knowhow? Yet today, more than seven decades later, the Wizard's game has become all too real. Back then people recognized what a college education was good for...and what it wasn't. That, of course, was the unstated joke in the film.

If we need surgery, we want to know that the surgeon has gone through medical training at the highest level, that he or she has mastered the intricacies of the human body, all the things that can go wrong, and what has to be done to put them right. We want the surgeon's studies to be guided by those who have already mastered the fields of medicine and surgery. A correspondence course or on the job training just doesn't make it.

A plumber or electrician, on the other hand, can master the craft on the job without

paying tens of thousands of dollars for tuition. And the plumber may well earn more than an English major.

But if English language and literature is one's first love, there is no better place to nurture that passion than in a university. The same is true of many intellectual passions from art and music to science and mathematics.

The problem is that many students have fallen for what is a statistical fraud—the idea that attending college is the best way to make more money. Bill Gates didn't fall for that one. He dropped out of Harvard to become one of the richest individuals on the planet.

Let's take a closer look at the statistics that supposedly prove that getting a degree, any degree, is a surefire way to dramatically improve your earning power. Here's what's wrong with that picture. The statistics certainly do show that college graduates earn more money than those whose formal education stops at a lower level.

But do college graduates earn more money *because* they are college graduates? Anyone who graduates from an accredited college has to put in roughly four years of relatively disciplined effort. Isn't someone who has that level of motivation and discipline likely to advance farther and faster than those who are less motivated and less disciplined?

To make matters worse, the idea that a diploma is in and by itself the key to a prosperous, successful future puts many students on a false path. It's easy to feel that four years

of fun are all you need as long as you do enough work to end up with a diploma.

The last president of this college apparently had some such idea. When some students were upset that courses had been cut to save money, the president told them not to worry since the college would make sure that there were enough courses to meet graduation requirements. That, if you haven't been paying attention, is the Wizard's logic. Just get the diploma. It's all that really matters,

Well it is true that in many fields, a diploma will get you in the door, but once inside you better have a lot more than a flimsy piece of paper to keep you inside. And, if you decide on self-employment, that diploma won't matter at all.

Well this is the truth. How often have you heard this from a college professor or administrator? Higher education has become a very big business in the United States. The student loan industry has made college affordable for almost everyone. Affordable that is, until graduation, when the piper must be paid.

To the Wizard's credit, he never asked the Scarecrow to pay for the diploma he offered. Today's Wizards want \$50,000 or more for what they have to offer. And all too often, today's Scarecrows pay up without protest.

The first lesson is to ignore the Wizards. The second is to not be the Scarecrow. Decide for yourself on the best path to reach your dreams, and then work like hell to get there.

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Vox Populi

One more vote for Neveplast

Neveplast is important to Lyndon State College and its students. The Ski and Ride Club worked very hard to organize last year's proposal only to have it fall by the wayside because of silly stipulations.

Ski and Ride's president, Sam Pierog, rallied his troops at the most recent SGA meeting in order to have this issue appear on the ballot. He needed 10% of the student body to sign a petition in favor of

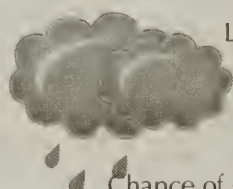
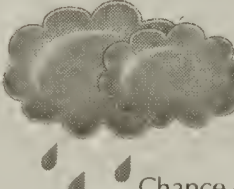


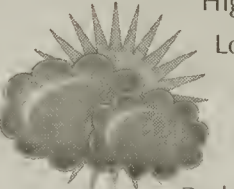
Neveplast. Not a problem.

It's great to see students fired up about something they are passionate about. LSC should reward such passion, but instead is creating fiery hoops for Ski and Ride to jump through.

LSC's mission statement affirms a belief that "experience is the hallmark of a Lyndon education, linking theory and practice, both inside and outside the classroom." Without allowing students to practice real life situations like

this, how could LSC say they are holding up their end of the bargain? I hope LSC follows through this time around. You have my vote, Ski and Ride.

Dale B. Frattaroli
Sophomore

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Angry Ani Speaks Out:

First chin straps; now bra straps: Off with both!

AHH-KNEE. That's it. That's how you pronounce my name. It's not ANNIE, or ANNA, it's ANI (AHH-KNEE). It makes me angry when I hear people calling my column angry Annie. The name Annie – MAKES ME ANGRY. I don't know why *exactly* this name makes me angry, maybe because IT'S NOT MINE.

You know what else has been making me really angry? It especially pisses me off around 8am and 3:30pm on weekdays. If you haven't guessed it by now, it's L.I. bitches and those damn crosswalks. The crosswalk is like a pedestrian's luxurious privilege and those punk bitches have taken waaaaay too much advantage with it – and when I say

“waaaaay too much advantage,” I mean WAY TOO MUCH TIME! PICK UP YOUR FEET AND MOVE SO I CAN GET TO WHERE I NEED TO GO. Slow bitches in the crosswalk make me angry.

“Gym buddies,” make me angry. If you know me, I run... a lot. I'm a regular in the gym and people have a tendency to see me running around town, but bottom line – I like to work out. However, just because I like to work out, doesn't mean I want to work out WITH SOMEONE. I work out with the cross-country team because I'm on it, and surprisingly I also enjoy it, but when people ask me to be their “gym buddy,” it literally makes me cringe. I really don't see the point in going to the gym in pairs, pe-

riod. Especially COUPLES who work out together. Yeah some of you may say, (in that annoying bitchy voice) “but a gym buddy gives me more motivation and support.” What ever happened to self-determination? Or what about independence? Can people not do anything alone? Back to couples that work out together... WHY!? I mean when I work out, I don't even want to look at *myself* in that state, so why the hell would I want the guy I like looking at me? Last time I checked, people in relationships like to *keep* their partner attracted – not drive them away by their rosacea red sweaty face.

Finally, girls who let their bra straps show MAKE ME ANGRY. Okay ladies, you are

in college, therefore you must have hit puberty, which means you probably have developed breasts by now, which means you [hopefully] wear a bra. So, when you are walking around in a tank top that clearly reveals your bra straps that are bright red, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! Like, we know [and hope] you are wearing a bra, but we don't need to see the freaking evidence. On top of that, IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. Also, there's no reason for this. We live in an age where some genius, who was probably just as repulsed by this act as I am, invented the STRAPLESS BRA. Maybe you find them uncomfortable – NO EXCUSE – there was *another* angry genius out there who invented a bra that you could

wear 100 ways (straps included). With these innovative bras, there is no reason, nor excuse, other than your own bad tastes, to let your bra straps hang out.

Instead of ending my article right here, leaving you all with the things that are making me angry this week, I'm going to let you all in on some things I actually *like*. Yeah I know it's hard to believe that *some* things make me happy! So here they are: People who read my column, People who shaved their chin straps in response to reading my column, V-necks (on guys...not skanks), the word BODACIOUS, and finally taking the time out of my busy day to just sit on my ass and do nothing, makes me BODACIOUSLY HAPPY. Talk to you next week, bitches! DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY.

What the Funk is Going On?

Your Weekly Musings from a Maniacal Music Man

Brian Lacharite

There is no time for introductions this week folks, we have a very pressing issue at hand here. WHAT THE FUNK IS GOING ON WITH FACEBOOK?! As you're all well aware, Facebook has been implementing some rather radical and often annoying changes over the past year or two. They've ramped this into high gear over the past few months with countless “innovations” that do nothing more than make people complain on their FB pages about how much FB sucks.

Well what you may not be aware of is the massive overhaul the company has planned for October 4th, just four days away.

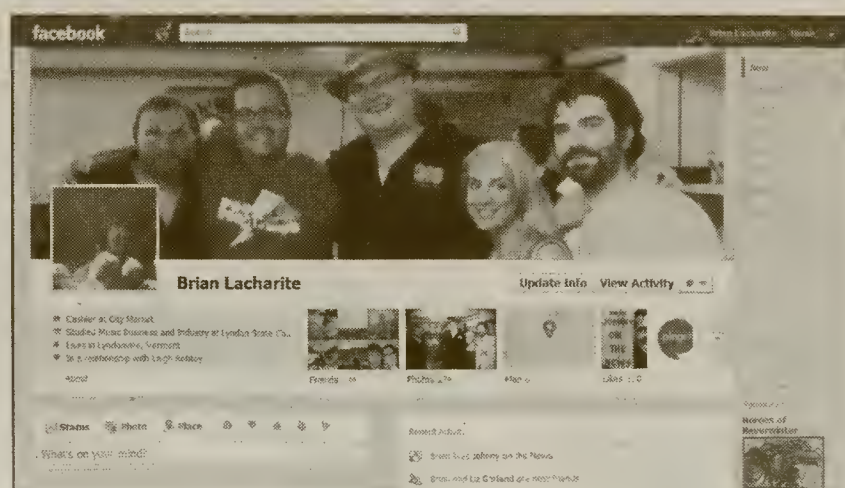
Your FB page and everything you love, hate, and love TO hate about it is going to essentially disappear. It's going to transform itself into a scrapbook of your life. It will be a chronological timeline of your entire existence before and after FB.

I've seen the future folks and it is scary.

The first thing you'll notice is the enormous layout change. Your profile picture is still there; it just sits awkwardly atop a cover photo that FB wants displayed prominently. As you scroll down, you notice the status box has been reduced to a miniscule size. You'll also notice all your posts are no longer in the middle, but separated into two separate

columns on a timeline. This is the most glaring change.

Gazing over to the far right, you'll see a timeline that you can click on that goes from the present back to 2005 and even beyond to your birth. Clicking different years lets you see what you did on FB that year. All your posts and comments will be there. The photos you posted that year, who you became friends with, where you were, it's all there! This is even narrowed down to individual months for more recent years. FB has catalogued everything and made it easily navigable. Slightly creepy and very unsettling. Some on the web have called this change a “stalker's dream come true”.



There is about a dozen other changes you'll notice, some right away, some after a little digging. There is simply not enough room in this newspaper for me to explain all of them to you. If you want to see the change yourself before Zuckerberg forces it down your throats, you can check it out: <http://www.facebook.com/about/timeline>. As a fair warning, once you switch over you won't be able to switch back to your old profile. These changes will be mandatory for everyone

within a couple of weeks anyway. I'm sure half of you reading this will grumble at the changes but still stick with FB. The other half may flee from social networking all together or give Google+ a much needed chance. And I'm sure one or two of you will be the odd one out and absolutely love the changes.

This may be the tipping point for FB. The true test of how loyal their users are. I'm predicting a mass exodus of users, but I have been proven wrong before. All I know is that I'm sticking with it for now. I'll give it a chance. But I swear if they don't get the messenger/chat program fixed soon I'm going to ride out West, give Marky Mark a piece of my mind, and ask him WHAT THE FUNK IS GOING ON!?

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Lyndon State Makes the Grade

Erin Milne

Critic Correspondent

Lyndon State College students now have one more reason to be proud of their school: LSC was recently ranked 15th among the best northern public colleges by U.S. News and World Report.

"I think this is a wonderful and well-deserved recognition of so much of what Lyndon is and does as a college for its students," LSC Interim President Steve Gold said in an email.

Others members of the LSC community were equally pleased.

"It's good for the school,"

said Professor of Mathematics James Bozeman, chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department.

"I think it's a testament to the tremendous job our faculty, administration, and staff do serving our students, and I look forward to helping us reach an even higher ranking next year," said SGA President Nicholas Russo, a junior atmospheric sciences major.

"I think it's awesome to be on the list, but I wish we were kind of higher," said Nora Barney, a senior music business and industry major.

The ranking will be used as

a recruiting tool for LSC, Gold said, adding that he believes the ranking will confirm the hard work of LSC's faculty, staff, and students to make the college an excellent institution.

"I think it will open the eyes of many in the state and region to the fact that Lyndon is an excellent public four year college," Gold said.

Keith Chamberlin, director of marketing, said that the ranking will make the college stand out because U.S. News and World Report's college ranking system is one of the most prestigious.

"Naturally, we're pleased," Chamberlin said.

The ranking was posted on U.S. News and World Report's website on September 13, Chamberlin said. According to that site, U.S. News and World Report bases its college rankings factors like a school's academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, class sizes, selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving rates.

Gold said that, while he did not know the specifics of how U.S. News and World Report determined LSC's ranking, he hoped that the college's

small class sizes, commitment to experiential education, and focus on first in family, modest income, and rural students all played a role.

The last time LSC made U.S. News and World Report's list of best northern public colleges was in 2003, when the school was ranked fourth. This year, Vermont Technical College also made the list in eighth place.

"It's always good publicity," Bob McCabe, director of student support services, said LSC's the ranking. "It can never hurt, that's for sure."

LSC Students Get Diplomatic

Katelyn Zenie

Critic Correspondent

Lyndon State College will soon have its own chapter in the National Model United Nations club.

The NMU gives participants the chance to play the role of a diplomat who represents a world nation. Students do research on their nation and simulate discussion and debate about international affairs of the nations being represented.

The goal of the NMU is to

teach students the processes that go into United Nations, giving students a greater understanding about how nations bargain and communicate.

The Lyndon Chapter of the Model UN club began when Na Zhan, newly appointed president of the club, brought the idea up to professor David Plazek. Zhan had been a part of the Model UN club in the past, and was pleased to find that Plazek was interested in the proposal.

Plazek, who is an international relations scholar, says that the model United Nations club provides Lyndon State Students with the unique opportunity to view the world in a more global way. He also says that this club will give college students the chance to explore and understand international relations in a more intellectually mature manner, which he says is needed for young people to succeed in the 21st century.

Taylor Aussiker, an junior

animation major at LSC, and the treasurer of the club, says she's glad this club is giving Lyndon the chance to branch out and talk about international problems and how they get solved around the world.

Aussiker says although the group currently only has 12-13 students involved, the numbers should grow once the group starts advertising around Lyndon. The Model UN club is for anybody who is remotely interested in international affairs

and wants to learn more about current events.

The club is planning to go to a national conference, based at Harvard University. When the group meets, they will talk about fundraising for that trip, as well as training for what students should expect at the conference.

For more information about the Lyndon Chapter of the Model UN club, contact their faculty advisor, David Plazek.

Public Safety Log

9/23 Public Intoxication/

Open Container

I didn't have a paper bag...

9/23 Underage Drinking/

Furnishing False Info

It doesn't matter how old I am, I'm Superman.

9/23 Alcohol

So I had a few, so what?

9/23 Underage Drinking

Seriously, Occifer, I'm ... 21!

The Campus



9/23 Threatening or Endangering Behavior/ Public Intoxication Please. Put the knife down.

9/28 Failure to Comply with directions

9/28 Possession of Marijuana Paraphenelia Let me go get my gask mask.

9/24 Underage Drinking
It's juice, I swear!

9/23 Vandalism- Car Was

Tagged with Paint

You didn't want a new paint job?

9/23 Smoking Policy

This cigarette is not mine...

9/24 Vandalism/ Defacement: Faculty Photo Torn Off Wall

That Bitch gave me an F!

Lueth Continues to Play With Purpose

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Playing soccer allows Freshman Midfielder Lueth to reach out to others.

"Soccer links me with a lot of friends. My best friends today were made through soccer," Lueth said.

Lueth, a native of the Republic of South Sudan, started

playing soccer when he came over to America in the seventh grade. Growing up, Lueth enjoyed typical kid activities like playing tag with his friends.

Some of those friends and members of Lueth's family remain in his home country.

Lueth knows that they would support him if they saw him play.

"It would be special to my

family to see me play. They would really proud of me," Lueth said.

Though people in Lueth's town did not grow up playing soccer, they still were able to watch it on television. Their favorite league to watch is the English Premier League.

There is still a possibility that Lueth's family and friends will get to see him play one day

after he leaves Lyndon State College.

"Soccer will always be in me. When I graduate, I plan to play in a men's league, and return to be with my family," Lueth said.

Photo by Lyndon Athletics
Lueth continues to represent friends and family every day.



Photo by Lyndon Athletics

LSC's Heather Fortin goes by a Plymouth defender.

Women's Soccer Beats Plymouth

For the first time in 38 years, the Lyndon women's soccer team recorded a victory over Plymouth State University. Emily Strese's goal at 12:33 of the second half lifted the Hornets to a hard-fought 2-1 win over the visiting Panthers.

Laura Davis gave Plymouth (3-5, 0-2) a 1-0 lead 18:26 into the contest when she took a drop pass from Kate Nixon and drilled a shot over Lyndon goalkeeper Tia Billado. The lead proved to be short-lived, however, as the Hornets (6-3, 1-1) responded with a goal of their own less than seven minutes later.

Strese teed up a direct kick about 40 meters from goal and send a chip toward the Panther net. Teammate Sarah Cornell managed to beat a Plymouth defender to the ball and volleyed a shot past goalie Angelina LaBroad to knot the score at 1-1.

Shortly after halftime, Strese took a long pass from Samantha Bergeron and drilled a shot into the far side for the

eventual game-winner.

Billado made five saves to earn her fifth win of the season while LaBroad and Courtney Lins combined to make three saves for Plymouth. The Panthers outshot the Hornets in the contest by margin of 18-9.

Upcoming Games:

Women's Soccer:

(6-3, 1-1)
At Maine Maritime 10/1
3:00 p.m.
At Husson 10/2
2:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis:

(2-4, 1-2)
At Johnson St. 10/2
3:30 p.m.
Vs. Colby-Sawyer 10/4
3:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball:

(1-7, 0-0):
At Colby-Sawyer 10/1
1:00 p.m.
At U-Maine Farmington 10/1
3:00 p.m.

Women's Cross Country:

(6th place, 4th place)
At St. Michaels 10/1
12:00 p.m.

Men's Cross Country:

(3rd place, 1st place)
At St. Michaels 10/1
1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer:

(3-6, 0-2)
At Maine Maritime 10/1
1:00 p.m.
At Husson 10/2
12:00 p.m.

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Dana Dishes: Cantina Di Gerardo

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

★★★★☆

Cantina Di Gerardo has the best Italian food I've tasted since being at Lyndon State.

This family owned Italian cantina, located on Railroad Street in St. Johnsbury, is somewhat of a hidden jewel.

I emphasize somewhat.

There is nothing special about the atmosphere of the Cantina, but the food separates this Italian restaurant from their competitors.

The food at Cantina Di Gerardo is fresh and authentic Italian cuisine. The food is delivered hot, right from the kitchen by the cook himself. The transition of the meal from the cook to the customer is a very personal junction, more personal than chain restaurants.

The menu was that of a typical Italian restaurant worded with traditional names for the authentic cuisine.

There were a numerous amount of entrée dishes to choose from, as well as soups, salads, pizzas, and pastas.

Prices are a little expensive for my student budget with lunch dishes ranging from \$6-\$15 and dinner dishes from \$15-\$30 each. The food is certainly worth the price they charge, it is just more than I can afford on a regular basis.

Unfortunately the food and the personal relationship with the cook are the only aspects of this restaurant that are good. I wish I could tell you that this cantina was great in every way, but that is just not the case.

The service, after being seated, consisted of one visit to order the food and drinks, one by the cook to give us the food, and one more to give us the check. This was clearly due to the fact that

there were only two people working, and those two people also had to keep watch of young children running around the restaurant.

the only two people working.

Don't go to this restaurant for free refills. Soda is expensive at \$2.50 a glass, and there are no free refills. I like to

Overall I give this restaurant three stars solely on the quality and taste of their food. It was not a place that I would go back to based on their service, location, and atmosphere in the restaurant. I would like a place where I can sit down and not have to worry about screaming and crying children, and I didn't get that here.

If you are in the mood for fantastic Italian food, I would suggest going and getting take-out, but please, don't go for a sit down meal.

What to try:

Chicken parmesan sandwich, veal parmesan, any of their pizza, and/or caprese salad

What to skip: The espresso bar – not good espresso.



Photo by Dana Berlin

There were kids clothes on a number of tables, which limited where I was able to sit. I was very turned off by the lack of service that I received from

drink a lot with my meal, and I struggle when I have to ration my drink throughout the whole meal.

Centennial Cookbook: A Preview

Marc Samson
Photo Editor

There is still time to submit recipes for the Centennial Cookbook!

Lyndon, still in its 100 years, is going to continue its celebration by giving back to its community through the Centennial Cookbook.

This recipe book includes recipes and stories from Students, Alumni, Staff and current and former faculty, but the book needs more. The book is looking to hit a goal of 150 recipes before printing, with a little over 100 right now.

Originally, the deadline for recipes was today, but "the Committee... has agreed to extend the deadline by one more week, to Friday, Oct. 7," said Belinda Plymak in an email.

The Centennial Cookbook committee consists of Elaine Fournier, Deborah Hughes, Lisa MacDowell, Daisy McCoy, Belinda Plymak and Tracy Sherbrook, as a part of the Faculty and Staff Fun committee initiative.

Requests include but are not restricted to all current and former faculty, staff, alumni and "especially students!" said Plymak, even if you have already submitted.

Plymak said "The proceeds from the cookbook will be going to the Annual Fund which provides a source of unrestricted support to the College. The growth of this annual reserve promotes academic excellence at Lyndon through ... providing scholarship support to the most deserving students, supporting faculty professional development, expanding the learning opportunities available to students, acquiring state-of-the-art academic equipment, and maintaining and improving the College's buildings and grounds."

The Centennial Cookbook should be ready by the holidays, with Harry Mueller's *Print for Design* class working on the design and file preparations that need to be made. Also on board, Gabrielle Benz, who helped designed the Centennial Cookbook Poster.

The book will be sold in various locations throughout the campus.

My friend June's Chocolate Zucchini Cake

Submitted by Jenny Harris, Class of 1979

- 1/4 c butter
- 1/2 c vegetable oil (I use olive oil)
- 1 3/4 c sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 t vanilla (I use 2)
- 1/2 c sour milk (I make it by adding a bit of lemon juice to milk and letting it sit for a few minutes)
- 2 1/2 c flour
- 1/2 t baking powder
- 1 T baking soda
- 1/2 t cinnamon
- 1/2 t cloves
- 4 T baking cocoa
- 2 c grated unpeeled Zucchini
- 1/2 c chocolate chips

Mix first 3 ingredients together, then add eggs and mix together. (If you use a mixer don't over beat). Mix dry ingredients into a bowl or sifter and add alternately with the sour milk. Then add Zucchini and chocolate chips. Bake in a well greased and floured Bundt pan or a 13" X 9" pan (or cupcakes). Bake in a preheated oven at 325 degrees for 40 - 45 minutes. Test with a match stick; it is done when it comes out clean. Of course with this cake you could poke a chocolate chip when you're testing so look at your test stick carefully. After you take it out of the oven let it cool for 15 or 20 minutes and then tip it upside down on a cooling rack. This cake comes out very well in a Bundt pan! You can frost it but it doesn't need it!

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Ryan's Review: "In the Grace of Your Love" by The Rapture

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Correspondent

Score: 8.5/10

Dance punk. It's a genre of music that, before 2000, barely existed.

This movement was ushered in by acts like LCD Soundsystem, Death From Above 1979, and the band I bring to you today: The Rapture.

Way back in 2002, The Rapture dropped one of the most important and infectious songs of the decade, "House of Jealous Lovers" off of their critically acclaimed album *Echoes*. This fire ball of a song has a cowbell that could cure Christopher Walken's everlasting fever and a bass line that anyone would dance to. In 2010, the song placed #16 on Pitchfork's *100 Top Songs of the Decade* list. In 2006, the band came back with the lukewarm and somewhat forgettable *Pieces of the People We Love*. A major-label effort that had a few solid songs but for the most part sounded bland and uninteresting, it was far too clean and polished for who they were,

who they are. What it lacked was the energy the band had in its triumph, *Echoes*.

Fast forward to now.

The quartet has become a

trio after a lot of internal struggle, the band has returned to their original indie label DFA, and they have just released their new album, *In the Grace of Your Love*. This sounds like the album that would've come between the raw *Echoes* and the very polished and clean *Pieces*. *Grace* begins with the very synth-heavy dance tune "Sail Away". The combination of the keyboards and the drums and Luke Jenner's wailing voice are a magical combination. This song gives off a monster sized presence. When Luke lets out that first "sail" over everything you can feel the need to dance course through your veins and it's a feeling that you don't want to end.

The album switches right

up to the great "Miss You", which is about the relationship between Jenner and his late mother. It's a bit screwed up with lyrics like "Always thought

out video mixed with a cool rave sound that has bluesy vocals. The song is a romantic cry for a lost lover. They do a fantastic job of taking a really energetic danceable beat and juxtapose it with depressing lyrics like "when it stops/choices are few/it's just me and you/give me what I need to live". It's a cry for help. Jenner makes this apparent with his calls to let him "hear that song". He's desperate to get this person back in his life.

The downsides on this album are just forgettable songs, really. The song "Rollercoaster" sounds like an attempt at a Talking Heads song, and it does succeed at sounding like them but far more bland even with the fun bass line and the toms being banged away in the background. "Never Die Again" has a catchy tune to it, but in the end it feels like they took the middle of a song and played it to the end without the beginning.

Overall, the album does have some really killer songs, they're not all hits though. Does it compare to *Echoes*? No. But this is definitely a step in the right direction for the group to get back to the glory they had with *Echoes*. If you're looking for some fun, very layered, dance music, I highly recommend this album.

Tracks you'll love: "Sail Away" "Miss You" "How Deep is your Love?"

Tracks you can skip: "Roller Coaster" "Come Back to Me"

Track of the Week: "Proper" - Into it. Over it. - Into it. Over it. Is a pretty great example of pop-punk music today. Evan Thomas Weiss is a great lyricist and his band is my second favorite band off of the No Sleep Records brand. The song is catchy, short, and Weiss' voice is drizzled over the music nicely. This song is Jimmy Eat World-esque, so I recommend fans of them check this song out. To check it out, go to the band's website intoitoverit.com and click at the top of the page to stream it over at Alternative Press.



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I could kill you/But oh I can't kill you" and "Broken dreams and broken faces/I've run all the darkest races", but the delivery and style are reminiscent of, in my opinion, Soft Cell's "Tainted Love". The highlight of this album is "How Deep is Your Love", which has the beat and piano of an old 80's work-

Apply to Fly to Guatemala

Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editor

Como se dice *trip*?

This will be the fourth consecutive year that Lyndon State students will be traveling to Guatemala. This service trip offers a number of exclusive opportunities that are not only life changing, but also rewarding.

From sight seeing to community service, this trip gives students the chance to travel to another country and learn about a new culture. The service trip is a rare experience that allows students to reach out to another country, help others, and also learn things about themselves.

Not only do students develop new friendships among one another, but they also meet new people in Guatemala; people that they will remember forever.

In previous years, the students have done a number of community projects on their visit to Guatemala. One year, students helped build and renovate a school. On top of that, they got the opportunity to work and interact with the children there. This rare experience was not only enjoyable for Lyndon State students, but it also had a great impact on the children of Guatemala.

Last year, the students were involved in a number of projects. They helped assist in

painting a church, helped build houses, and worked together to create a co-op where locals of the area could share crops and livestock they helped raise. They also got to work with children in the village.

Service projects are life changing. There is nothing better than the feeling of reaching out to others and this service trip not only gives you that opportunity, but also allows you to travel to another country and learn about a new culture. For many people, this is a once in a lifetime experience, so why not take that chance when you can?

This year, the trip will be taking place over February break. It is about \$1,200 (give or take). Applications are being accepted until October 13th. Only ten people will be

going on the trip, including chaperons, due to travel purposes once in Guatemala. If you have any interest or questions, feel free to contact Erin Rossetti at erin.rossetti@lyndonstate.edu.

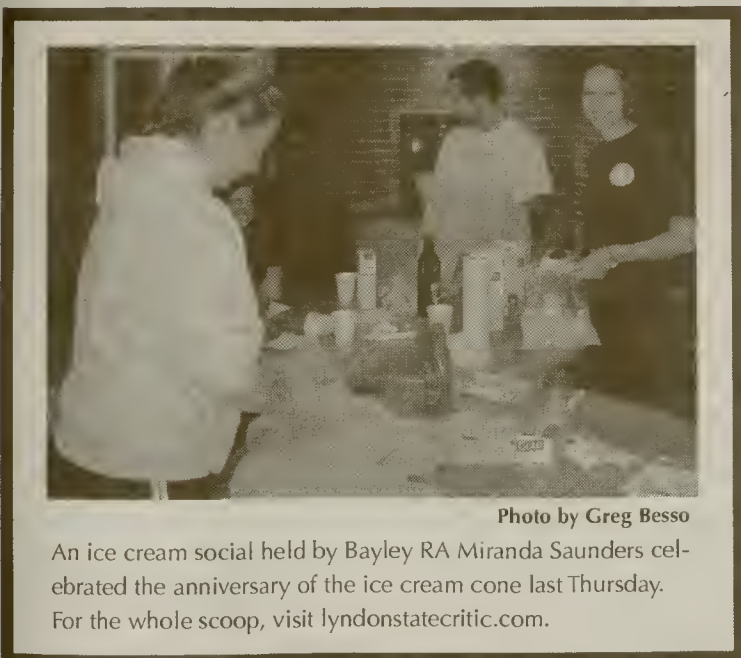


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An ice cream social held by Bayley RA Miranda Saunders celebrated the anniversary of the ice cream cone last Thursday. For the whole scoop, visit lyndonstatecritic.com.

Weekly Horoscopes

Libra

September 23 -October 22
Facebook will change again. But only for you.

Scorpio

October 23 -November 21
Times are tough. Suck it up.

Sagittarius

November 22 -December 21
Its time to eat. Go eat. But not the stir fry.

Capricorn

December 22 -January 19
Three ghosts will visit you this week.

Aquarius

January 20 -February 18
You fell into a worm hole. Time has stopped.

Pisces

February 19 -March 20
Be daring, jaywalk. See what happens.

Aries

March 21 -April 19
Charlie will sell the Chocolate Factory to you!

Taurus

April 20 -May 20
Your future is fuzzy, check back next week.

Gemini

May 21 -June 20
Watch out for flying monkeys.

Cancer

June 21 -July 22
A bunch of scientists are trying to eradicate you.

Leo

July 23 -August 22
You will simply walk into Mor-dor.

Virgo

August 23 -September 22
Threats of violence will become the norm, shrug it off.



What's in Lost and Found?

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

When a room contains a handcuff key, a "Ski Naked" License plate, and some abandoned sneakers and sweatshirts, you have to wonder what's going on.

This is what you will see in the lost and found located right next to George Hacking's office in Public Safety.

"This is supposed to be the central place on campus for items that have been lost," said Hacking.

However, Hacking says other places that items are sometimes returned to include: Sue Henry's office, Kathy Armstrong's office, the library, and residence halls that they were found in. Most of it eventually makes its way to the Public Safety lost and found.



LSC's lost and found storage

Photos by Sierra Willenberg

Hacking says that books are the most commonly turned in items, and also the most common to be left behind.

"I don't know why," said Hacking "because those are very expensive."

Other things that commonly get turned in at this lost and found are keys, thumb drives, backpacks, ID's, and clothing.

"If it is something with somebody's name on it, we send them an e-mail letting them know it's here," said Hacking.

Occasionally, something with a high value, such as a laptop or an iPod, will get turned in to the lost and found. While these items are never left unclaimed by students, other items are.

At the end of the year,



things that have not been picked up are discarded. Clothes are given to Bob McCabe to be donated, keys are thrown out, ID's and thumb drives are destroyed, and books are recycled in the book recycle boxes on campus.

Students and Staff Explore Criminal Justice

Peter Nute
News Editor

Criminal Justice, the new degree program at LSC, offers the opportunity for advanced study for those looking to serve law enforcement in a multitude of fields, such as behavioral analysis, the juvenile justice system, law, forensics, and many more.

The program, according to LSC's website, was installed due to a growing interest from prospective students. The program offers classes in Punishment and Corrections, Criminology, Criminal Law, and the American Judicial Process, as well as several others that are detailed in LSC's course description catalog.

George Hacking, director of public safety at LSC, teaches in the new program, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience from a career in law enforcement that spanned twenty-seven years.

When Hacking found out that the college was going to offer courses in criminal justice he was immediately interested, offering his assistance in the upstart program. Initially he was considered for a spot on

the curriculum board, but when he was offered the position to teach the Introduction to Criminal Justice class, he accepted the challenge.

"This is different than anything I've ever done," Hacking said. "It's a lot more involved. I taught when I was in the state police; I would teach troopers, I'd teach police officers; I would put on different classes for the public. But that's a lot different than teaching a thirteen-week course where you're meeting twice a week for an hour and twenty minutes each session. Not having the benefit of someone doing it before me, I'm just running with it. It's been good. I enjoy it."

One of the students in the class is Jamie Robertson. Robertson is currently working towards a degree in criminal justice, while keeping his options open by exploring social sciences and global studies as potential minors.

In a phone interview, Robertson said that the military background in his family sparked his initial interest in the new program. He hopes to one day be involved with the international justice system. He also said that the class offers a

wide scope of the criminal justice system, which is good for those looking to work within its many different fields.

"What I like about this class is that it allows you to get some experience in a lot of different things," Robertson said. "We are able to explore the options available. Like corrections, local law enforcement, FBI, CIA."

Taylor Cota, a junior who transferred from VTC, was interested in the criminal justice system from a young age.

"I guess I chose criminal justice because when I was younger I had a few run-ins with the police so I figured I had a fairly good idea, like, to stay out of that. I figured I had a pretty good background on it. [I] know a fair amount about that law. So it's a good fit."

"It's defi-

nately a good major," Cota said. "I would recommend it to other people who want to get involved in that kind of thing. I definitely enjoy it." Cota is interested in becoming a border patrol agent.

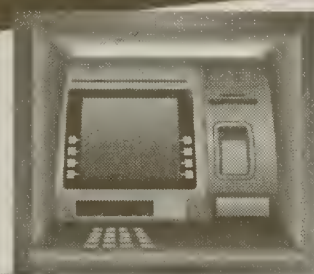
Hacking sees a lot of interest in his course from the students in his class. He knows that some students are in his class based on their major, and others are taking it out of curiosity. He also understands that this can be a challenging program.

"It's hard going into a course like this I think because

you're, for the most part, learning about something you don't know anything about. This is almost like learning a new language because you're learning about a system that for the most part you have never really had to deal with. Now you're putting the whole thing together."

But with the growing interest in criminal justice, and the responses he receives from the students in his class, Hacking finds the prospects of this new program both "exciting and rewarding."

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REPORT FINDS DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEM

Peter Nute
Critic Correspondant

Anyone interested in the number of robberies, motor vehicle thefts, assaults, arsons, and liquor law and drug abuse violations that have occurred at Lyndon State College now has it in black and white.

LSC recently published the Public Safety & Campus Crime Awareness report, a yearly document highlighting the college's "public safety-related services, programs, policies, and statistics concerning crime on campus," according to a message on page three of the report from LSC's Director of Public Safety, George Hacking.

The report touches on the role of the Public Safety Department, building security, residence hall safety, how and where to report a crime, who to contact in an emergency situation, medical and community resources, as well as the college's stance on controlled substances and the disciplinary actions that can be taken upon those who

choose to break these rules.

From 2008-2010, there were eight incidents of forcible sex offenses, and one instance of the possession of an illegal weapon. There were no reported incidents involving the following: aggravated assault, arson, motor vehicle theft, hate crimes, and burglary.

The report cites 155 drug abuse violations on campus between 2008 and 2010. During this same time period there were 454 reported liquor law violations. These violations fall under the category of Disciplinary Actions - On Campus, on page 16 of the report. Under the category: Arrests - On Campus, the same violations during the same time period tally only three arrests for drug abuse violations, and five liquor law violations.

According to LSC's policies regarding controlled substances, disciplinary actions depend on the situation

According to page 12 of the report, "[t]he College will impose disciplinary sanctions on students, faculty, and employees who

violate the above-stated policies. Depending on the circumstances, these sanctions may range from a minimum of satisfactory participation in a rehabilitation program to a maximum of separation or termination from the College."

When asked about the policies and the role Lyndon State has when it comes to disciplinary action, Hacking said: "You (the student body) are so fortunate to now be dealing with someone from residential life or public safety and not dealing with one of the troopers out on the road. The troopers have one option and one option only, and that's to give you a citation to go to court. We have the luxury of sending you through the judicial process on campus. But if someone takes it to the point where we can no longer handle it, then we call the state police, and they will deal with you."

Hacking believes Lyndon State is a safe college, with a strong and smart student body. However, he does still see room for improvement, and believes that the report can help keep



Charlie Forrest, a Public Safety officer at LSC for 7 years, patrols the halls.
Photo by Marc Samson

people aware of what's going on at the college, and where to go should someone witness the violation of one of the college's policies.

"I look at all the things we can do to combat crime on campus. We can put up cameras, and they

make people feel safer. But let's face it; all that's going to do is help solve the crime after it happens. We need to educate the people here so that we don't have to spend the thousands and thousands of dollars that make people safe, but actually be safe," said Hacking.

House on McGoff Hill Gets Pricey Facelift

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

The future of the house that Lyndon State College purchased on McGoff Hill currently sits in limbo, but the money is nice in the meantime.

The Campus Planning Committee is presently working on some options, such as turning the to acre lot into campus housing, or moving the maintenance plant to that location and building housing on maintenance's current site.

"The committee would be looking at all those alternatives, coming up with recommendations so that at least when a new president comes on board the thinking and a lot of that leg work would have been completed," said Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton.

The house is being rented to

a family for \$950 a month. That money is used to pay for the renovations that were done after the purchase of the house.

"We did some minor improvements to the house," said Hamilton. "There were some fix up things that we did and we

hope that the rent will pay for some of those improvements."

The list of renovations: septic system \$15,057, insulation - \$11,437, replaced heating system - \$10,460, repaired barn roof - \$8,237.

The house was appraised at

\$355,000, but the school paid \$335,000.

"The appraisal that was done considered those existing conditions," he said. "We offered a price below that knowing that we had to put some money into it."

One of the fixes came sooner than the school hoped.

"We thought that the septic might get by for a while. It didn't," said Hamilton. "Once the family moved in it was apparent that it wasn't going to work to reasonable standards. We did it sooner as opposed to later."

The school bought the house because of its location and potential as well as what it wanted to avoid.

"When opportunities like this come along you have to take a hard look at them and it is hard to say what would have happened to that property had we not bought it, but if it had been

bought and developed for some other use it could have a long term impact on the college and its ability to grow the campus in the future," he said.

LSC wanted to avoid someone buying the land and turning it into one acre building lots, which would give the school neighbors that would be too close for comfort.

"That could have put some constraints on how we used that end of the campus," he said.

Given the current financial situation the school is looking at in the next couple of years, buying the house is still a good thing for LSC.

"We are trying to balance keeping the college moving forward, looking strategically and looking at where the college is going to be not just two years down the road, but 20 years," said Hamilton.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Campus Calendar

Sat. 10/15: Intramural Basketball
Sun. 10/16: Men's Soccer vs. New England College
Sun. 10/16: Jean Charles Performs
Mon. 10/17: Women's Volleyball vs. JSC

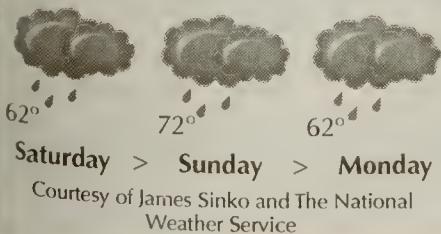
A Quote to Note

"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself."

- Andy Warhol

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A State for the Stateless

Vox Populi

Armin Delic

Many news stories seem to repeat themselves endlessly. A case in point: the decades old attempt, mainly by the United States, to get Israel and Palestine to the negotiation table to assist

them in resolving differences regarding Palestinian statehood. I use the word assist loosely. I see it more as an attempt by the US to sway the outcome of the entire region toward its own interests, which mainly lie with Israel.

Palestinian statehood, I believe, would smooth the path to-

ward reconciliation and eventual peace with Israel. The unification of the Palestinian people under the banner of their own state would establish a very plausible "road map" to a final and durable peace agreement between Palestine and Israel. Once national borders are established we could certainly envision a future without violence and bloodshed.

Despite these hopes of permanent peace, take a look at what impedes it. The strong relationship between the United States and Israel compels Palestinians to feel completely isolated and wholly ignored by the powers that be. Since their pleas of help almost always fall on deaf ears, Palestinian people feel they have no choice but to take matters into their own hands.

Their actions are largely a response to Israeli settlements into territory designated as part of a future Palestinian state. Israel believes these lands are fair game because Palestine is not yet sovereign.

While many roadblocks to peace are local, America is not blameless. The power of the Jewish lobby within Washington, particularly that of AIPAC, leads members of Congress to side with Israel. These lobbying groups act as a powerful driving force which exercises immense political power to convince Congress that their views are more beneficial to the United States, all at the cost of further alienating Palestinians.

What is so different about Arabs that we cannot get ourselves to simply give them support? Is it the color of their skin? Is it their religious beliefs? These are all questions which do not have answers, and yet deserve them all the same.

While I do argue for Palestinian self-determination, it would be unfair to ignore groups within Palestine that seek to harm Israel. These include Hamas and Hezbollah, who work tirelessly to bring Israel to its knees. These groups take advantage of a desperate people to twist them against Israel, and use aggression by Israel as a fuel source for their fanatical actions.

However, a stop to hostilities and a state for the people of Palestine would serve to greatly diminish the power of such groups, resulting in a more secure Israel and Palestine. We must not forget that Palestinians are human beings who deserve our attention and compassion.

Not helping them in their time of need will surely come to make us regret our decisions sooner or later.

One State for All

Robert Patton

Opinion Editor

Can you imagine being born in a refugee camp, living out your entire life in the camp, and finally dying there. Yet this is what a good many Palestinians have experienced.

More than sixty years ago, innocent people were uprooted from their homes and forced to live in a no man's land where jobs are rare to non-existent and the presence of foreign troops are an ever-present reminder of their inferior status. Now we find that the elected leaders of these Palestinian pariahs are applying to the UN for the status of a free and independent state.

It's not surprising that many are saying that this is about time. The issue has stretched out many times longer than the Civil Rights crisis in our own country. Can you imagine if Jim Crow laws still existed here and demonstrators in the South were still met with police dogs and clubs? Unthinkable, isn't it?

Yet the plight of Palestinians is far worse. Children who throw stones are gunned down, homes are bulldozed, and property is seized and turned over to settlers who are protected by the armed might of a military partially supported with U.S. dollars and weapons.

Yet, in spite of all this, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state is no answer at all. Can you imagine the result. On one hand there would be the powerful, economically successful State of Israel, backed by the US with dollars and weapons.

Then, across a paper-thin border there would be the Palestinian state, populated with wretchedly poor, less educated people whose only hope of making a decent living is to somehow qualify for employment on the Israeli side of the border.

Of course this is a perfect situation for militants to sow unrest through terrorist acts. And an equally perfect situation for Israeli militants to shout see, "We knew these Palestinians couldn't be trusted with their own state."

We can expect one border clash after another and a perpetual state of undeclared war between the two nations.

Not generally recognized

is that this "two-state solution" has been tried right here in the United States and has proved to be an abysmal failure. Just look at our Indian reservations. After 150 years, the Native population of this country should have been thoroughly integrated into our society and its culture. Instead they were pushed onto the least desirable lands and told that they were independent.

Is this what we want for Palestinians?

Of course the stumbling block is Zionist demands for a Jewish state. Ironically, we fault the Islamic world for laws that discriminate against non-Muslims. We reject such laws in our own country and in all others that are part of what we like to think of as the developed world.

What makes Jews so different that the rights of others don't matter? Suppose Hitler had removed Jews from Germany and settled them in the least desirable area he could find, requiring them to leave most of their worldly good behind (since this was the case with Palestinians forced to leave their homes six decades ago) and then said: "You can form your own state now." Not even Zionists would thank the Fuhrer for creating such a Jewish state.

Before 1948 Jews and Muslims coexisted peacefully for hundreds of years. If not for the Holocaust they would still be doing so. Who can demonstrate a right by parentage or religious faith to seize a piece of land that once belonged to others? Who can justify a society in which some people are more equal than others?

Why did virtually the entire civilized world oppose apartheid in South Africa while giving moral and financial support to Israel even as the rights of Palestinians are violated on a daily basis?

But let's forget about rights and past injustice and imagine a State in Palestine that combined the best of Jewish and Muslim talents and efforts. Imagine a state where people respected the beliefs and customs of their neighbors and worked together to build prosperous, happy lives for all. Wouldn't that be a shining example to set for the rest of the world?

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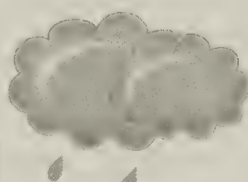
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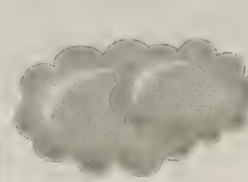
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Chance of showers
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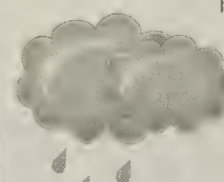
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Mostly Cloudy
Nighttime clouds

TUESDAY

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Angry Ani Speaks Out: Cute Food and Pet Names: REALLY? REALLY?

I'M BACK BITCHES! So you made it two weeks without having to hear about how angry I am, but think of that as a vacation, because two weeks later, I'm Ani and I'm angry.

When I woke up this morning for breakfast I had a bagel. One freaking average sized whole-wheat bagel. Notice how I didn't say MINI bagel. Why? Because mini bagels make me angry.

First of all, I don't understand what people's fascination with miniature food is. Like White Castle sliders, make me angry. They probably taste just as good if they weren't sized in proportion to an infant. I also hear people make the argument, "Oh but they just look so cute," or "They're smaller so we don't eat as much."

As for all of these excuses for the creation of mini bagels — these even piss me off. The "cute" argument is junk. Why the hell do people want to eat "cute" food?! It's not like you see a baby in someone's arm and think, "Oh that baby is so cute, I have to ingest it." NOOOO.

Cute food makes me angry. And referring back to the eating

less argument, we're in America, not France, and I don't care who you are, if you're above the age of seven, you're probably making more than one mini bagel for breakfast whether you like it or not, which once again defeats the purpose of those dumbass mini bagels.

Autocorrect makes me angry. There's nothing more frustrating than typing a message on my phone and every time I type the word "like" my phone autocorrects it to "Kirk." REALLY iPHONE!?

Want some more examples of autocorrections that piss me off? When I type "what," it autocorrects to "whatchamacallit," "bitch" becomes "blotch," "smile" becomes "Smirnoff- ceraspberry."

Honestly I really don't understand what the hell autocorrect is thinking sometimes. And Smirnoff ice makes me want to heave. If autocorrect knew anything about me, it would know that gin and tonic is maaah draaank, but that's irrelevant. Bottom line:

AUTOCORRECT makes me ANGRY.



Don't call me pumpkin!

You know what makes me really angry? Nevermind, I can't tell you. Just forget about it... THAT! THAT MAKES ME ANGRY! When people start to tell me something I don't know and just freaking stop, I get livid. Just tell me! You can't do that, you can't just start to tell me something and not finish it. Things like that will drive me crazy until I know. It's like a verbal tease. It makes me very, very angry.

Lastly, pet names in relationships make me angry. Let me clarify, it's not the people who use the pet names that make me angry, it's the pet names themselves that make me angry.

For example, calling someone your "pumpkin," "baby," or "cupcake," all qualify as pet names that piss me off. If my boyfriend ever called me "pumpkin" I honestly don't even know what the hell my reaction would

be. Oh wait, yeah I do; I would thank him for calling me a gigantic, round, squash that grew off of a vine. Or what about "baby" — aka a fetus that recently came out a mother's vagina. Basically, pet names really freaking annoy me.

Ahh, it's such a relief to let everyone know what makes me angry, but crap still pisses me off. Why is that? It's because I'm Ani, and I'm angry, and all you bitches get to read about it.

What the Funk is Going On?

Your Weekly Musings from a Maniacal Music Man

Brian Lacharite

I'm going to keep this one short and sweet folks, as it is an issue near and dear to my heart. What the Funk is Going On with the anemically low event turnout here at LSC? Last time I checked, which happened to be on Monday earlier this week, we have roughly 1,500 students attending this fine school of ours. In case you all missed the dozens of flyers, chatter, and FB posts the past few weeks, there was a benefit show earlier this week for victims of Hurricane Irene. At its peak I saw about 50 people in attendance, with at least 1/3 of those being performers and crew members. Crunch

those numbers (don't worry I did it for you already) and that is about 3% of the student body. By the end of the show, the number of attendees was lower than some vegans at a Sizzler steak house.

Look I know it was a Monday night, I know we all have homework and other obligations, but statistically speaking that number should be much higher. And I know this is not an isolated incident. Low attendance has been plaguing events on campus for years now. I'm not going to lambast or chastise anyone for not showing up or having to leave early for legitimate reasons. I just want to understand why LSC? Why do

more of you not go to the wonderful events we throw on campus? I grow rather tired of people complaining that there is nothing to do on campus. C.A.B. does an incredible job of putting events together. MEISA has begun to really flex its muscle in putting on concerts. I hear chatter about people wanting to bring in bigger acts to campus. If you guys really want to do that you need to show that we can fill an auditorium here for smaller student acts. A lot of your fellow peers are really talented performers. There is so much talent on this campus that doesn't receive the audience it deserves.

I don't want to close out this week's column on such a de-

pressing note, so here is the good news folks: We raised over \$700.00 on Monday for Vermonters affected by Irene's wrath. Thank you so much to everyone who donated even if you weren't able to make it. There are a lot of people who will appreciate the help we are sending them. The turnout was actually pretty decent for the first half of the show. There was a lot of energy from the crowd. Notably, all the performers gave 110% and put on one hell of a show. I would call the show a definite success. I can't thank MEISA and everyone behind the scenes enough for making this show happen.

I just implore all of you who

read this to drag yourselves and your friends to every possible show you can on campus. THERE IS STUFF TO DO! We are not stuck in the dark ages here up on this mountain top. It doesn't matter if it's a comedian, a juggler, a lecturer, or one of your friends' bands. When we finally start supporting each other, then we can start talking about putting on bigger and better shows. Besides, we have just as much talent as anywhere else here on campus. We just need to cultivate an atmosphere that promotes creativity and performance. In that situation, everybody wins.

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Daniel Schwartz
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Let me tell you a story:

"On the fifteenth of May, in the Jungle of Nool, in the heat of the day, in the cool of the pool, he was splashing ... enjoying the jungle's great joys ... when Horton the elephant heard a small noise," writes Dr. Seuss in "Horton Hears a Who."

Hearing this small noise, Horton, a beneficent elephant, abruptly stops his splashing in the cool pool of Nool and searches for the noise.

"That's funny," thought Horton. "There's no one around." Then he heard it again! Just a very faint yelp as if some tiny person were calling for help."

This faint sound – this tiny person calling for help – Horton found, was coming from a floating speck of dust he could just barely see. Horton realizes that this tiny person calling for his help is a Who who lives in Who-ville on that speck of dust, and this small town is in danger of being drowned by skeptical kangaroos and monkeys who can't hear a sound.

Consider us that town. We live on that tiny speck of dust, in danger of drowning with only a bumbling elephant for a guardian. Our state colleges have long been overlooked, and without ears to hear our calls for help, VSC students will continue to bear the burden of tuition at rates far, far higher than the national average. We are ranked 50th in the nation for public funding, relying on 87 percent tuition to finance our colleges. In 2001, the state appropriation supported 24 percent of our colleges. Now, that percentage has dropped five figures. The Vermont State Constitution requires the state colleges to be an affordable option for students with primary funding

from the legislature, but we know that's not the situation.

Next Thursday, Oct. 20, the Faculty Federation and United Professionals will host a rally on campus open to the public to focus attention on the lack of public support for the Vermont's state colleges. This rally is intended to educate students, staff and faculty – to give them a voice so that they may call out to the State Legislature and tell them just how bad this really is.

But, we've tried calling out to them numerous times before; we just haven't been yelling loudly enough. Towards the end of Horton's battle to save the little town, his situation turns grim. Horton is confronted by a militia of monkeys and their ring master, the persnickety kangaroo. "You're going to be roped! And you're going to be caged! And, as for your dust speck ... hah! That we shall boil in a hot steaming kettle of Beezle-Nut oil!"

"Boil it? ..." gasped Horton! "Oh, that you can't do! It's all full of persons! They'll prove it to you!"

And they did. All the citizens of Who-ville gathered their tom-toms, tin kettles, brass pans, garbage pails, cranberry cans, bazookas, clarinets, oompahs, boom-pahs, flutes and voices in unified testimony, in a plea for their life. This sacacophony the kangaroo heard, and quickly halted her warpath and monkeys. "From sun in the summer" said the Kangaroo. "From rain when it's fallish, I'm going to protect them. No matter how small-ish!"

I'm not suggesting that Legislature is deliberately bent on drowning the VSC, but the water is rising at our feet and of our situation, they don't yet seem to fear. We need to unify our voices and yell, "We are here! We are here! We are here! We are here!"

Critic Poll

Who should get more funding from the State of Vermont: UVM or the VSC?



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To respond to the Critic Poll, visit our website www.lyndonstatecritic.com

Vox Populi

A Message to LSC: Join the Protest, Be Heard on the 20th!

To the Editor:

I ask all members of the Lyndon State College community to consider the following facts:

1.) In the United States, student loan debt now exceeds credit card debt. (This fact is especially disconcerting when one considers how many college students and graduates carry both types of debt).

2.) The average debt for a graduate with a Bachelor's degree from the Vermont State Colleges is \$27,000.

3.) Vermont ranks 50th (as in dead last) for state appropriations per full-time equivalent student. It has for the past few years.

Our students and our colleges are facing a financial breaking point which could

happen sooner than anyone cares to think about. This is why we all must commit to a long-term (multi-year) effort to place the Vermont State Colleges on firmer financial footing. The American Federation of Teachers/United Professionals of Vermont (which represents many LSC faculty and staff) invites the LSC administration and LSC students to a rally in support of the Vermont State Colleges to take place on Thursday, October 20, 2011 from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Alexander Twilight Theater Wing. Members of the administration, faculty, staff and students have already volunteered to address two modest goals; maintaining quality education while minimizing student debt.

We hope to make the public, and in particular the Vermont legislature, aware of the impending crisis. Even in this "post Irene" environment, our needs are great, the situation is becoming dire, and public support for higher education is more important than it's ever been. Similar rallies are planned for the same day at Castleton State College, Johnson State College and Vermont Technical College.

Look for more information about the October 20th rally soon. And we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Timothy Miles Sturm,
Ph.D.

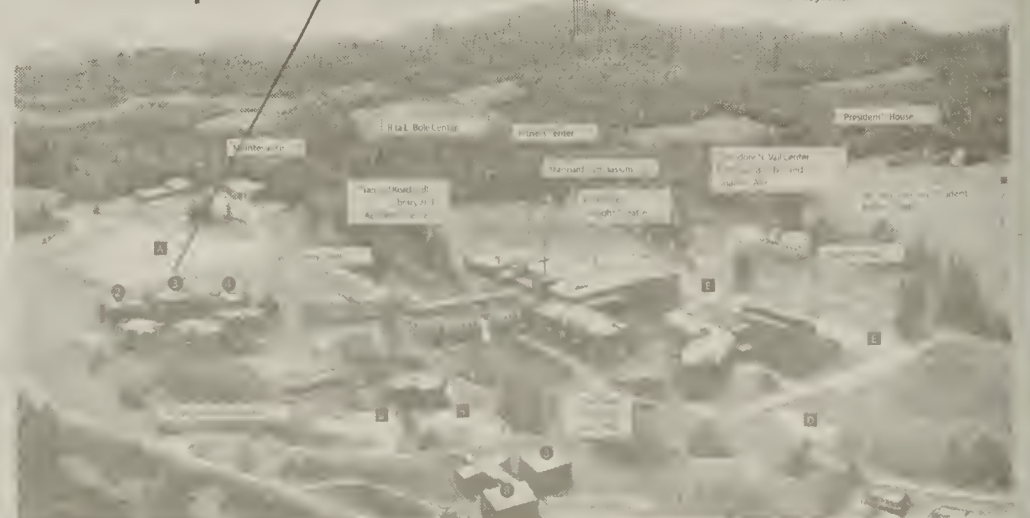
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Dana Berlin
Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

Surveys suck, no doubt about it. They are always long and not worth the reward. Not this time!

Jonathan Davis, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs has sent out an email regarding a survey that Adam Vigue, the Director of Food Services at LSC for Aramark wants everyone to take.

Jonathan Davis urges students to take part in this survey. He says, "Feedback that students provide in this survey helps to inform Aramark about the success or failure of current services and what, if anything they might be able to do to improve those services."

I know that I am not the only one that is not completely

satisfied with what Aramark has done here at Lyndon. I mean, the dining hall is not the greatest, and I would certainly like to see more variety at the Hornets Nest. This is the opportunity to those who feel as strongly as I do to let your voice be heard.

This survey is sent out every semester in order to get students opinions on things that matter to them. Most semesters an average of 120 students reply, this semester there has already been 225.

"The purpose of the survey is for us to evaluate ourselves and see where we can make changes," said Adam Vigue. "The more people that respond, the better picture we get of what the students want."

The difference between this survey and any other is two-fold.

This survey is only a few questions long (roughly 10), and there is an opportunity for some

nice prizes after completion. Any student who competes the survey is entered in a drawing to win a \$150 Ticketmaster Gift Card, or one of three \$50 Visa Gift Cards.

This survey should be very appealing to students who are short on cash. The amount of time spent taking this survey is well worth the potential reward. I took the Survey and it was only about 6 minutes long. It was probably the shortest survey I have ever taken. I seriously dislike the surveys that offer huge prizes, but take over an hour to complete.

"The survey does have a big impact," said Vigue. "We are here for the students and want to offer things that are helpful for our students."

Some of the things that have been changed for this year

because of the past surveys are dining hall hours. Now instead of being open from 10:30 am to 6:30 p.m., they are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and they offer a complete breakfast.

If not for the prizes, students should complete this survey because of the importance. Students need to get their voice heard when it comes to their ideas.

There are changes that need to be made within Aramark here at LSC, and they are asking us.

Students can complete the survey

by clicking the link in the email Jonathan Davis sent out October 10th, or by logging onto www.college-survey.com/lsc. A complete list of the contest rules can also be found at www.college-survey.com/sfs/sfs11006/usa_do.html. Hurry before the Survey closes, and enter for your chance to win.

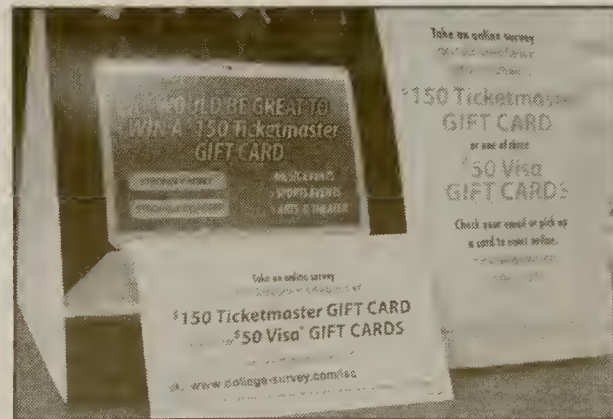


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Cards displaying information about the survey in the Hornets Nest

Ryan's Review: "Proper" by Into It. Over It.

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Correspondent

Score: 9.5/10

Into it. Over it is a band that seems to be all about concepts. Or should I say a man all about concepts, seeing as it only truly has one sole member, a man by the name of Evan Weiss. Over the past 4 or so years there has been few people with his drive for writing concept albums. The first was the very ambitious 52 Weeks. Each week

Weiss would write and record a completely original song until his next birthday. This is an extremely hard task as it is, and even harder to do right, but he accomplished it with flying colors. His next 2 projects was an album of 12 songs about 12 different towns and the experiences he had while in them and another album with 5 songs about 5 different neighborhoods in Chicago. In July of 2011 Weiss announced his first "proper" album appropriately titled, well,

Proper. Right away this album distinguishes itself apart from Weiss' other efforts for Into it. Over it seeing as this album is truly a full band affair. But does it hold up to Weiss' standard of quality, or is this just an effort that should be forgotten as another project?

The first two songs, "Embracing Facts" and "Discretion and Depressing People" immediately sets

the tone for the album, this isn't the same Into it. Over it you've grown to know. This is something new. "Embracing Facts" is a short cymbal crashing filled song with great fuzzy guitars and Evan yelling his words over it all. It shows a nice new bite that Evan had touched upon only so much before and he doesn't hold back. The best song on this album is a 3 way tie for me though. The reason why is because they perfectly showcase the different tones and influences put into this album.

The first showing roots from the early emo movement of the late 90's, the next another masterful pop punk track, and the last an acoustic indie rock ballad. Lets start off with the emotional "Where Your Nights Often End". This song's lyrics are so solemn and beautiful, and the pounding bass drum and dream like guitars compliment them so perfectly, it's fantastic.

The next track, which is the title track, "P R O P E R" is a catchy, fast paced, pop punk song. Weiss is picking himself apart in this song, he wants to

better himself, but whenever he gets close to it, he just seems to push it off to the side and fall back into depression. He wants help, he wants to "be proper for a change".

The last of these tracks, and the last song on the album, "The Frames that Used to Greet Me" is the almost obligatory acoustic track for the album. It's Weiss doing what he does best, writing a touching acoustic ballad, what more could you ask for, especially for the album's send off.

Overall the album is, honestly, one of my favorite albums of the year. All of the songs on the album are beautifully written, and the different styles that Weiss blends together work perfectly together. This is a debut that is not to be missed, do yourself a favor and pick Proper up. There are far bigger things that will happen in this band's future.

Songs you'll love: "P R O P E R" "Discretion and Depressing People" "Where Your Nights Often End" "The Frames that Used to Greet Me"

Songs you should skip: None. Seriously.

Single of the Week: "Second Time Around" by Brianna Grace.

I'll be honest, on this single of the week, I will be a bit biased seeing as I know the artist and she is a close friend. Now, I'm not one to listen to country music, ask anyone I know and they can easily confirm this with you. But lately, there has been a wave of "country pop" that has been coming out that is, actually, pretty listenable to someone like me. Brianna is continuing this style of country and she does it really well, and I'm not just saying that. Also, for an 18 year old, she writes a solid song. She also has a fantastic voice, and, personally, after hearing it develop over the years it's amazing the amount of talent she has. So please go to briannagracemusic.com or go on iTunes (just search Brianna Grace) and pick up "Second Time Around," I guarantee you'll love it.



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On the Wright Track at the Grindstone Café

Marc Samson
Photo Editor

Business is brewing in downtown Lyndonville.

The "Grindstone Café", a coffee shop with fair trade organic coffee, is seeing more and more traffic every day. Having been opened for eight months, "things overall are pretty good" said Nathaniel Wright, one of the co-owners.

With downtown traffic and its current location, the cafe is hoping business will increase, especially with the cold weather.

"Being here on Depot Street, it has free parking, a lot

of town walking traffic... and winter is on its way," said Wright.

With a wide selections of tea, tea lattes, Italian sodas, blended ice drinks, hot and white chocolate, espresso based drinks, steamers and single brews, customers can also get a quick bite to eat from muffins to cookies. The café is open 6 AM - 6 PM on Sunday-Friday.

The Grindstone also features artists' talents. Every month, the café will feature a visual artist's works upon their walls. This ranges from photography to ceramic based decorations, but this is not limited to

just showing off one's work. If an artist wishes to sell, the café will assist with doing so, with 10 percent of the price going to café.

On Sundays, the café also has an Open Mic, starting around 7 PM if there is enough participants, where everyone who is interested is allowed to come perform, listen or even just come enjoy a cup of coffee.

Before opening, the café struggled with a name.

"We were thinking of a list of 20 different names that best described the earthy feel or atmosphere we were going for, so we decided on the Grindstone

Café," said Wright.

The café was originally started to see if it would work out.

"Well...It really started to see if we could do this. We didn't

go to college and we wanted to go on a business adventure," said Wright. "It seemed like a promising business. Everyone wants a cup, whether it is tea or coffee, even when times are hard."



Photo by Marc Samson
Muffins for sale at the Grindstone Café in downtown Lyndonville Vt.

Benefit Concert Makes Impact

Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editor

What would you do to help make a difference?

Well, Trevor Gross, a student here at Lyndon State College and a member of Johnny on the News, combined his interest and talent to put on a benefit concert.

Last Monday night, about 90 people gathered in ASAC 100 to help support the tragedies that Tropical Storm Irene left behind and donated over \$600.

Gross explained that his own town had to evacuate be-

cause of Irene, but in the end they were lucky enough to have no serious damage.

That was not the case for many other towns and communities. Hurricane Irene had a negative effect on other communities, sweeping away roads and destroying homes.

The aftermath that Hurricane Irene left behind is what motivated Gross to do something.

"I couldn't help but think how others were affected," Gross said.

Gross wanted to do what he could to help out, so he put his entertainment skills to use; he

knew that a Benefit Concert would raise money that could be donated directly to relief for Irene.

Five bands performed Monday night: Sails, Johnny on the News, Suncooked, Derek Campbell, and Tiffany Pfeiffer. Everyone that came out to support the cause was extremely encouraging of the bands that performed. The audience was involved, clapping, singing, dancing and cheering.

Besides raising money for Irene, the concert was also a great way to bring the college community together.

Ry McDonald, a member of Suncooked, wanted to put on a good show.

"We really just wanted people to enjoy the concert," McDonald said.

The involvement of participants that were present surely showed that the concert was an enjoyable ex-



Photos by Sierra Willenberg

Members of the group Sail play first at the benefit concert.

perience. The musicians that performed were talented and enthusiastic, which allowed the performance to be fun and pleasurable.

"I was very pleased with the support," Gross said.

However, he goes on to explain that not enough students get involved here.

"People complain that there

is nothing to do. They were probably sitting in their rooms doing nothing, when they could have been at the concert," Gross said.

Another benefit concert is already being planned. This time, organizers are hoping to have the concert off campus in order to get more community members involved.



Students enjoying the benefit.



Tiffany Pfeiffer plays keyboard at LSC benefit concert.

The Curse of "The Great Andino"

**John Kazar and
Alex Farnsworth**
Critic Columnists

Let's face it: the Red Sox had a horrible season.

It seems they can never win against any teams that they were expected to beat, and this year was no different. In 2011, the Boston "let-downs" posted horrible records where wins should have been a guarantee. For the season series the Sox went 4-6 against the Cleveland Indians, 10-8 against the Toronto Blue Jays, 10-8 against the Baltimore Orioles and 1-6 against the Chicago White Sox.

In the last month of the season, the Red Sox went an embarrassing 7-20, causing them to lose a nine game wild card lead over the Tampa Bay Rays. What will be known as the historic September collapse by the Red Sox was caused by the Orioles, who were happy to send the Sox home.

Robert Andino, today's Frank Cata-

lanotto (Red Sox "Killah") had two of his five total home runs in the last two series against the Red Sox. Andino also had 8 hits and 9 runs batted in those final seven games against Boston.

Boston fans should soon forget baseball with the Bruins season just underway and the Patriots being 4-1. It is never too early to start talking about next year's Sox, though. This off-season will be very interesting for Boston (as it is every year).

Boston has some monstrous contracts but they also have expiring contracts coming up in the next two off-seasons (Jonathan Papelbon, J.D. Drew, Marco Scutaro, Daisuke Matsuzaka and David Ortiz). The team will also be looking for a new manager because of the departure of Terry "Tito" Francona.

On a brighter note for Red Sox Nation, the Rays and the Yankees were both eliminated in the American League Division Series.

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From an Orphanage to the Olympics

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

Sitting back in his chair with both hands gripping his knees, Kenedi Hall explained the kidnapping that changed his life.

"You've seen it in the movies; they put a bag over your face and just drive away. It wasn't like 'Oh, hi Kenedi Hall, we're taking you here. It was a whole different traumatic situation.'"

Hall was explaining the kidnapping his grandmother had to request from a nearby Ethiopian orphanage in hopes that Hall would be adopted so he could have a lifesaving heart surgery. Hall and his older sister were living with his ailing grandmother because his father was away at war and his mother died when he was two.

"We weren't homeless, but food wasn't guaranteed. I had to fight for money, I had to literally fight for survival each day."

There was no way Hall's

grandmother could pay for the expensive heart surgery to repair a hole in his heart. The kidnapping was traumatic, but necessary.

Circumstances at the orphanage were not ideal. The orphanage housed around 700 children. Hall shared his bed with up to five other children ranging in ages.

"I was there for three years not knowing if I would be there forever, or if I would be homeless."

Luckily, after an American couple visited the orphanage and learned of Hall's heart condition, they chose to adopt 9-year-old Kenedi and his 11-year-old sister Masay.

"They knew at the orphanage they couldn't split us up. I

couldn't speak English, but my [adoptive] parents clearly knew that if she wasn't going, I wasn't going."

Hall's adoption happened just in time. Two years after leaving the orphanage, it was burned to the ground. Hall's troubles did not end with the adoption. He still had to face a risky heart surgery that would, doctors suspected, leave him handicapped.

To make matters worse, Hall did not understand any English. "The heart surgery was awful because they didn't have any Ethiopians to talk to me...I thought the family that adopted me was trying to get me killed."

To his doctors surprise, Hall

not only recovered from his surgery but was up and running three weeks later. The normal recovery time for a patient recovering from heart surgery is three months.

"The doctor didn't think I was going to be athletic. Now I run 90 miles a week and play ice hockey."

Hall went on to break records nobody thought possible. At the age of 16, after months of training, he broke his high school's record in the 2-mile by eight seconds, running a 9:57. "I never let anything hold me back."

18-year-old Hall is now one of the top three runners on Lyndon State's Men's Cross Country team. He plans to play ice hockey this winter with the Hockey club. He is also training to be on the Ethiopian Olympic Cross Country Skiing team, returning to Ethiopia in December for training.

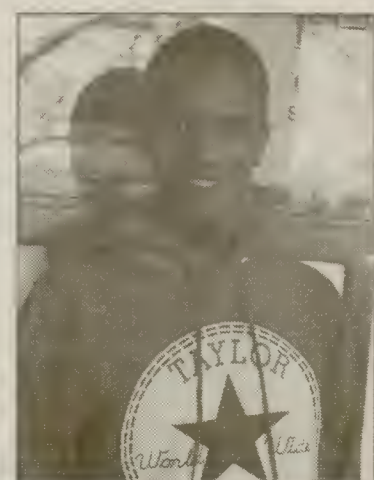


Photo by Sierra Willenburg
Kenedi Hall will look to continue his success in cross country while also attempting to make the Olympics.

Hall's doctor continues to check up on him every three years and is amazed at his active lifestyle. "I'm on another level that he can't believe."

Hall is a sophomore majoring in human services and hopes to return to Ethiopia after getting his degree. Hall wants to build better quality orphanages and continue to live up to his motto of never letting anything hold him back.

Women's Volleyball Serving Up Defeats

Daniel Weiner
Critic Correspondent

The women's volleyball team is back with a vengeance.

After a rocky 1-9 start, the team has been on a hot streak, taking three out of its last four matches. Coach Sean Fisher thinks that the wins were crucial

for the team's momentum.

"The two conference matches last Saturday was huge for us, and for us to make the playoffs we needed to win, which was the right step forward," Fisher said.

The Hornets (4-10) beat Green Mountain, Castleton and

Johnson, all with scores of three sets to one.

Even with this strong spurt, Fisher acknowledges the struggles in the initial stages of the season.

"In the beginning it was hard, only having four veterans on the team," Fisher said.

Coach Fisher is also well

aware of the improvements the women are making.

"We played a lot better; we're still making errors, but far less errors," Fisher said.

Freshman outside hitter Kayla Cormier knows exactly why the team had an abrupt turnaround.

"We communicated more on the court; we learned our strengths and weaknesses in each other, not just ourselves," Cormier said.

The beginning of the season was more of a communication issue.

"We didn't know how to

work with each other as we were trying to make ourselves better instead of the team as a whole," Cormier said.

The Hornets next match is a triple-header away match Saturday against University of Maine-Presque Isle, University of Maine-Farmington, and University of Maine-Fort Kent. Their next home match is Monday against Johnson at 7:00 p.m. in the Stannard Gymnasium, before they close the season with two matches at home next Saturday against Husson and Maine Maritime.



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The Volleyball team looks to continue their recent hot streak.

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Veterans to Share their Stories with LSC Community

Robert Patton
Critic Staff

This fall, 21 military veterans have joined the student body of Lyndon State College.

Their lives as students are as different from their former lives on active duty in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps as they are from the lives of the traditional college students who sit beside them in classrooms.

Many are married, some have children, and all are older.

To facilitate better channels of communication, members of the LSC Veterans Club have organized a panel discussion in which veterans will explain how their experiences in the military shape and impact their experience as students.

The event, Soldiers in the Classroom, will be held in ASAC 100 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on October 25 and all members of the LSC community including family members are welcome. The objective is to

foster mutual understanding between veterans, teachers, administrators, and fellow students.

In addition to the veterans panel, there will be presentations from various groups who collectively comprise an invaluable support system for returning combat veterans. Thom Anderson, a mountain recreation management professor and a Marine veteran himself will chair the panel and introduce the speakers.

For much of the day from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM a veterans information van will be parked just outside of ASAC 100 offering a wide variety of literature and information about veteran benefits available to all who have served in the military at some point in their lives.

For more than ten years the U.S. government has been stationing troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and 61 other countries around the world. Many of

those serving in the military have experienced the deaths of close friends. Some have killed other human beings and many have sustained severe physical injuries. Few have returned unscathed.

For those who support our military policies, these veterans are heroes, while, for others who view these policies as aggression, veterans are among the victims. In either case, they need and deserve support.

Breaking Down Film at LSC

Derek Campbell
Critic Correspondent

Films are not just for watching at Lyndon State College.

David Johnston, professor of philosophy, is currently teaching a number of classes in Film Studies right here at Lyndon State. As an English major at LSC one can select the concentration Film Studies, or major in any department but have a minor in Film Studies. Not film production, that is, not the art of making movies, but rather the study of film. History, theory, criticism, looking at films as works of art, looking at films as

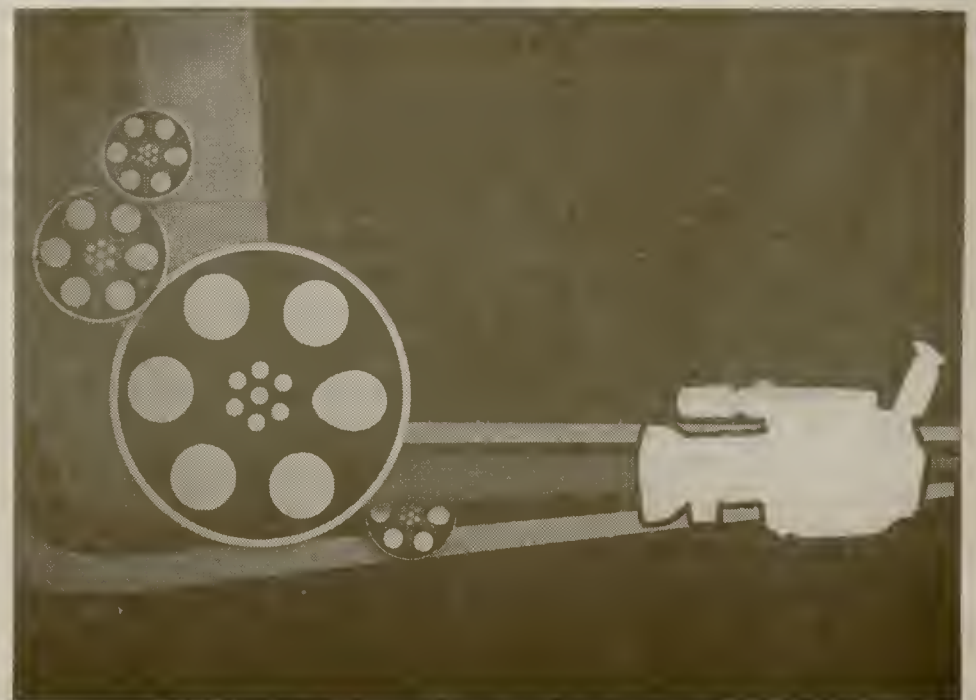
products of their culture.

As Johnston puts it, "Understanding what goes into making a movie and the critical judgments behind what's a good movie and what's a bad movie... Which may be different than a movie I like and a movie I don't like. I like some really bad movies and I don't like some really good ones."

Johnston is currently teaching a course on none other than Walt Disney, studying the films Disney made in his lifetime. There is also a film studies seminar, taken from a topical standpoint. Previous topics included foreign films remade in the USA

and war films focused on films about wars that occurred since the invention of cinema.

The film studies concentration is more for the student who aspires to be the next Bob Mondello or Gene Siskel than the next Martin Scorsese or say John Waters. However, there are options for that budding Catherine Hard-



wicke here at LSC. A New Media Studies major could minor in Film Studies and work on editing and camera work. LSC has a Visual Arts Depart-

ment and an Electronic Journalism major with its own TV News cast. An aspiring film maker could certainly get the foundation they need.

President's Corner - How to Join SGA

Open Spots Still Available in Student Government

Nick Russo
Student Body President

Welcome to the first edition of the 2011/2012 Student Government Association President's Corner. I plan to write a short update in The Critic once every week to update the LSC student body on the work of the SGA.

I hope the year has been off

to a great start for all Lyndon State College students. I know from the perspective of the SGA executive board, we have been having an awesome year so far. Elected representative elections were held in mid-September and those elections resulted in 13 SGA elected reps. joining the SGA.

Since then, the SGA has added four additional elected reps. through a petition/nomination process that occurs during the "other business" portion of our meetings, bringing the total number of SGA elected reps. to 17. There are still 13 open seats on the SGA, which consists of three open seats for second year rep, two open seats for third year rep, two open seats for fourth year rep, one open seat for commuter rep, and five open seats for non-traditional students.

Any student who wants to join the SGA is welcome to take a petition from the Stu-

dent Activities and Leadership Center office, obtain 50 signatures from current LSC students, and come to an SGA meeting with petition in hand to be nominated.

If you don't have the time to commit to being a rep., we welcome all students to attend our meetings. We have a designated student body comments section where any student is welcome to share any thoughts or concerns with the SGA, and attending a meeting is a great way to hear what is happening on campus. Also, in next week's edition of the President's Corner, I will be talking about the internal SGA committees that are open to all students.

At our most recent meeting

on Wednesday, motions were passed to approve a \$615.00 request to the Spirit Squad for new tops and WWLR received \$815 to approve a new EAS alert system. Full meeting minutes from the first three meetings of the year are on www.lyndon-sga.com.

The SGA distributes funding to over 30 officially recognized LSC clubs, works on policy initiatives (improving campus food services, for example), and addressing the needs of all LSC students. Please let me know how I can better serve you. I'm always quick to respond to emails at nicholas.russo@lsc.vsc.edu. Good luck on mid-terms everyone!

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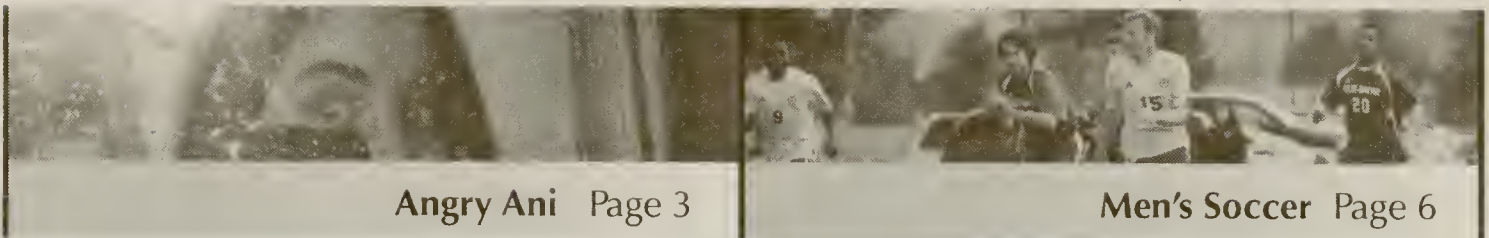
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Managing Editor

Shouts for "Free Pizza!" resonated throughout the Alexander Twilight Theatre Lobby during a rally for higher education Thursday, offering a slice for a signature.

A petition that addressed the Vermont Legislature calling for "reasonable, incremental increases in state funding for the Vermont State Colleges in order to maintain high quality education and minimize student debt" was passed around the lobby for the Lyndon State College community to sign. Over a 100 names lined the pages of the petition, but only about 52 students, faculty, and staff stayed to listen to the speeches.

However, those who did not disappear after 15 pizzas, which were purchased by the Faculty Union, were devoured believed in the importance of the event. Though doubtful about the immediate benefits of the rally, Shera Howe, a junior majoring in English, thought student presence was important. "The more people that are standing around, the more people that are likely to look, the more likely people will sign the petition."

Natural science professor Michael Miller would agree. "We need to send a resounding message to the community and the public at large that the state colleges are in dire need of help and they need it now. Anything that helps get the message out, by its own accord, is a success."

Education professor Timothy Sturm began the rally by asking the audience the significance of three numbers: 22, 30, 52.

The numbers refer to the average college student graduating at age 22; having a 30-year student loan to pay off and not finishing payments on that loan until age 52. Sturm said that loans used to be for 10 years and the student's education would be paid off by age 32.

"Imagine that a person graduates from college and ends up at 52 having paid student loans for over half of their life," he said.

"We are bound and determined to strike a better balance."

Someone who has felt the economic pressure is Jennifer Adams, a senior psychology and human services major.

"I planned to attend graduate school, but that may no longer be financially possible for me," she said. "I have two children and I have to save for their college educations while trying to pay for mine."

She sees the rally as a step in the right direction.

"This issue needs attention," she said. "There are people who can't even graduate because they can't afford it."

Student Government Association President Nick Russo focused on how the issue is affecting the school.

"Out of 719 students who filled out an exit interview survey, 250 of them indicated that financial concerns were among their primary reasons for leaving LSC," he said. "It would be nice if [the state] gave more money from the University of Vermont to the VSC schools because they are geared more towards your modest income students who want access to higher education."

State Senator Joe Benning, an LSC graduate, attended the rally and addressed the fact that Vermont is ranked at the bottom of state funding for education.

"Through the years the legislature has not considered this to be a top priority, that's only going to change if we get more people in the legislature that want to make it a top priority," he said. "It is not in Vermont's best interest to be last on that list."

Sturm concurred that state funding is drying up.

"In 1962, 46 percent of the operating budget was dedicated to higher education," he said. "It is now 18.7 percent. If you do the arithmetic it is about a one percent decrease per year."

Benning says that part of the reason the VSC schools receive less funding is due to their lack of representation in the legislature.

"Not only have they affected the funding, but as you change those dynamics, you can change

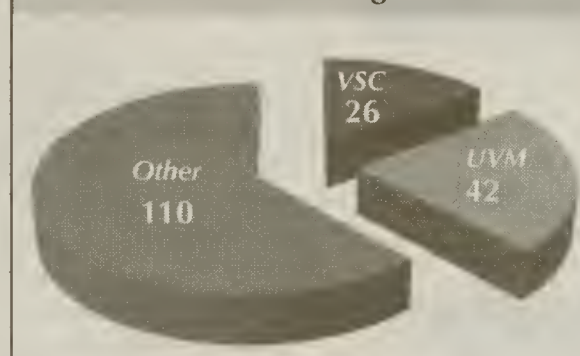


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Clockwise from top: Students and faculty listen to speakers in the ATT lobby, Professor Tim Sturm opens the rally, Students signing the petition, Attendees at the rally, LSC Senior Jennifer Adams speaks.

Higher Education Affiliations of the Vermont Legislature



the numbers," he said.

The Vermont senate has 10 senators that are affiliated with the VSC and five senators who are affiliated with UVM. The Vermont house has 37 represen-

tatives affiliated with UVM and 16 representatives affiliated with the VSC. These affiliations mean that the senator or representative is an alumni of, has taught at, has children who

attend, or has served on the board of trustees for UVM or a VSC school.

"UVM made a critical mistake this year with its severance package to their outgoing presi-

dent and that has soured a lot of people in the legislature about what kind of funding UVM gets," Benning said. "But its going to take a lot more than just one president getting a whopping big golden parachute on his way out the door to change things."

The petition is still available for signatures. Banners are hanging in the science wing hallway. Sturm hopes to get 1,000 supporters. He had a message to students who did not attend the rally.

"This should matter to you. It's your life and it's important."

Rallies were also held at Castleton State College, Johnson State College, and Vermont Technical College.

Campus Calendar

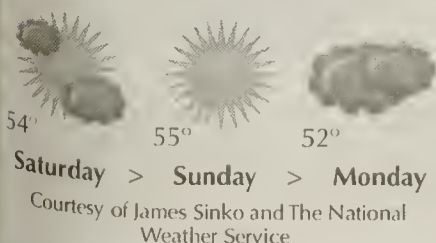
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Sat. 10/22: Insomnia Bowling
Mon. 10/24: Mon. Night Football @ ASAC 100
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America Leads the World...In Protest

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

All over America, people are taking to the streets in protest. It began with the "Occupy Wall Street" initiative in New York and rapidly spread from city to city. Wall Street was never occupied; New York's "Finest" saw to that. But demonstrators moved to nearby areas to hold up signs in protest. Police eventually arrested over 700 who may have wondered what happened to free speech in America.

In Boston, police were more restrained at first and an "Occupy Boston" movement took over Dewey Square Park across from South Station and erected a tent city with a food and water station to support demonstrators and visitors alike. A small contingent sat under a tent fly creating one protest sign after another, while others took up the signs and marched by the side of the park displaying their messages to passing cars and pedestrians. When demonstrators began to spread to other areas, police moved in with riot gear and, according to the Harvard Crimson, hauled off about 100 of those participating in the protest and destroyed tents, signs, and other property left on the scene.

From Lower Manhattan, the Occupy Wall Street movement spread out throughout the country. Students at over 100 colleges spontaneously set up their own protests. At UVM, an appearance by a Goldman Sachs analyst who was to speak on career opportunities in the financial services sector was abruptly cancelled when the likelihood of protest emerged.

Unrest in the U.S. even spread throughout the world with similar demonstrations erupting in Toronto, Paris, Rome, London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Sydney. In mainland China, red armbands started to make a timid appearance in sympathy with the now-international movement. The Chinese government was at first supportive, seeing this as a victory for communism over cap-

italism, but became nervous about its potential to incite dissatisfaction at home. Chinese censors began to block internet searches for Occupy Wall Street and any of its offshoots.

What are all these people protesting? Some have compared it to the antiwar movement of the late 60s, but few demonstrators in Boston, at least, appeared concerned about war. The spirit was more like that of TV anchor, Howard Beale, who in the 1976 film Network, asked Americans to stand up, wherever they were, and shout "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

No wonder. Millions of Americans are out of work. Our government has amassed debts of over \$14 trillion (that's twelve zeros!) and is committed to spending nearly \$50 trillion more over the next few years. Civil liberties are in ruins and the current administration has said that the President has the right to kill any American citizen who, in the President's opinion, needs killing. What's more, the threat has been followed by action and drone attacks have already taken out "enemies of the state," both citizen and non-citizen. Stalin could have made good use of this technology.

For the first time since the late 1960s, American students are rediscovering that their voices matter. Dartmouth students also organized demonstrations sympathetic to the Occupy Wall Street protests. At the same time, participants in these events are learning that protest is no longer welcome in America. On the Dartmouth campus, student demonstrators were told that they could not erect a tarp to shield them from the rain.

Political leaders and school administrators insist that they support the right of Americans to demonstrate. That right is, after all, guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. But the powers that be want demonstrators to be well-behaved and to conform to laws that were passed to make sure that nothing like the 1960s happened again. Yes, you can

demonstrate as long as your demonstration has no teeth.

In New York, Occupy Wall Street was moved away from Wall Street. It wouldn't do to interfere with the workings of the financiers after we bailed them out so that they could get back to work and make more money. Then Mayor Bloomberg ordered the demonstrators to leave the park where they went after removal from Wall Street. It was only, he said, to let the park be cleaned up. Supposedly they could move back but, of course, tents, tarps, and anything else that might be needed to keep them alive and active could not be allowed.


What is to be done? Conservatives in Congress want to reduce spending by a paltry hundred billion dollars or so, while liberals want to replay the failed strategy of pumping money into selected projects and enterprises, but this time on a much larger scale. Meanwhile we have a central banker (read Fed Chairman) who sees the solution as simply a matter of printing more money. He calls it "quantitative easing." A good name. My life would be much easier if I could simply print money; how about yours?

The fact that there is no real money is no obstacle. We can always print more monopoly money. Both sides seem to agree that as long as their corporate friends keep funding their political campaigns everything will work out well in the end.

In the last days of the Roman Empire, entertainment was the key to keep the minds of citizens off the fact that their way of life was crumbling around them—bread and circuses. The strategy still works. Not long ago, Americans were dancing in the streets because we had gunned down a unarmed, pathetic old man after shooting his wife. In Nuremberg, we put those with fresh blood on their hands on trial so that the world could see that Americans, even in victory, held justice at their highest value. It's even in our pledge: "...with liberty and justice for all."

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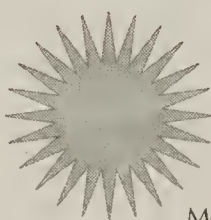
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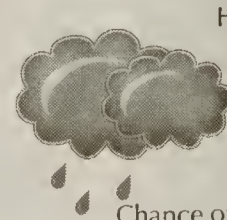
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Change of Showers
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Low 35°



Chance of showers
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Angry Ani Speaks Out: Meatheads in Mirrors Make Me Mad!

So I woke up on this perfect fall morning in New England, in a great mood... and then I went on Facebook and I got really angry. That's usually how it goes though, right? What made me so angry was that the first post in my news feed was of this meathead, shirtless, flexing, and taking a picture, on his cell phone, in the mirror, of his "bod." So. Freaking. Annoying. First of all, we all know how much MIRROR PICTURES in general piss me off, but then you put this obnoxious picture that just makes you look like a tool on Facebook, with the bogus idea that someone wants to look at it? Yeah, that makes me angry.

While we're on the topic of Facebook... People who message me, and I don't respond to them, but they CONTINUE to message me, piss me off. This example of a message (with my commentary) that I'm about to give you is NOT an exaggeration. "Hey...[no answer] whats up... [no answer]... ? ... [definitely not answering to a delayed question mark]... you there?... [still no answer]... ? ... [REALLY? ANOTHER DELAYED QUESTION MARK? You already put one where it was supposed to be, why the hell are you sending send me a another?!]." Yeah these conversations, or lack thereof, make me

freaking angry. And, it's not even that I'm purposely ignoring these bitches, because 97% of the time I'm not even by my computer. The other 3% of the time, yeah, okay, I'm probably ignoring you...

The name "Debbie" makes me angry. Not Deb, not Deborah, DEBBIE. It just carries such a bad reputation with it. Like, when I think of someone saying a person's name in context it kind of goes like this: "Hey! Here comes Angela!" (everyone smiles). However, in "Debbie's" case, it always seems to go a little something like, "Oh shit, here comes Debbie..." (everyone in the vicinity disperses or acts like they're doing something requiring ALL of their attention). Also, just for clarification, I don't dislike people named Debbie, just the name itself. So anyone by the name of Debbie, I understand... it's not your fault.

People who take forever to make a stanking turn. THERE'S NO STOP SIGN, just you and a wide-open road, so put your shit kickers on the gas pedal and get out of the way. I can't even tell you how annoyed it makes me when there is someone making a right turn, with their blinker on, no stop sign or light, but they have to come to an almost complete

stop before turning the wheel and giving it some gas. This makes me angry.

Want to know what else makes me angry? People who: cant type/don't use any grammar or punctuation when typing/ purposely/ ignorantly misspell words. As I said before, I spent the last weekend sick in bed and after an abundance of sleep, Netflix, and a John McPhee book, I left it up to parents shouldnttext.com and Facebook to entertain me. One Facebook status in particular really made me laugh. It also made me want to drop a second grade English book on this bitch's head. "[Facebook user name] is going to need a box of wine to get me through this weekend." That was the status. Nothing wrong with that right? As I read on further down, the comment that a kid posted was, "box(s)*." REALLY? You dumbass, the plural form of box is NOT BOXS, it's BOXES. So of course, I couldn't resist adding the comment: "box(es)**... dumb-ass."

Finally, Dubstep. Dubstep makes me angry. I don't know how many of you have been to an LSC party either, but there always seems to be dubstep playing in the background, and in one corner there's that group of bitches dancing in pseudo-slow



Taking this photo just proved to me how stupid taking these photos are.

motion trying to keep up with the beat of the "music." HA oh yeah that reminds me of a funny joke... Dubstep.

So there you have it, all the

things that have been pissing me off this week and of course there is more to come! Until next week, I'm Ani, and I'm pretty freaking angry.

Vox Populi

Got Flu shot?

Between 30,000 and 125,000 Vermont residents suffer from influenza in a typical year. Alarmingly, influenza immunization rates fall far short every year.

We are all at risk of contracting the virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone six months of age and older receive an influenza vaccination. Annual influenza vaccination is a public health priority; people everyone should talk to their health-care provider about immunization this season.

Influenza is a serious respiratory illness that is easily spread and can lead to severe complications, even death. Each year in the U.S., influenza and its related complications results in approximately 226,000 hospitalizations. Depending on virus severity during the influenza season, deaths can range from 3,000 to a high of about 50,000 people.

We at the American Lung Association urge you to make sure you and your loved ones are vaccinated against influenza this and every year. Additional information about influenza, vaccination and the Faces of Influenza initiative can be found at www.face-sofinfluenza.org.

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What the Funk is Going On? *Weekly Musings from a Maniacal Music Man*

Brian Lacharite

Well hello beloved readers! Glad to see that you're still sticking with us past the front page and making your way onwards to the opinion section. Though I have a sneaking suspicion that might be due to the fact that you all know Angry Ani would lay the proverbial smackdown on you for glossing over this part of The Critic. But I digress.

Over the past few weeks I've kept my focus strictly on campus. However, sometimes I like to transport all of you away from our mountain retreat and take a look at what is happening elsewhere on this big blue sphere we live on.

Just What the Funk is Going On with Wall Street lately? Or more importantly, WHY the funk are people occupying it? In case you've either been living in a troll cave the past few weeks or just can't pull yourself away from new episodes of "Dexter" and "Glee", there has been kind of a mass awakening sweeping across America. Average and not so average folks have come to the realization that, hey, our financial system kind of sucks in this country. They've taken to the streets and declared "We're mad as hell and we're not gonna take it

anymore!"

I think it would be hard for any of you to argue that we've been in a pretty bad recession for the past 10 years or so. I'm poor, you're poor, and we're all just getting kind of poorer. Not just individuals, but small businesses too. The Critic still refuses to pay me for my top rate column, despite my numerous requests. They just don't have the money folks. None of us do. None of us...except for THE SUPER WEALTHY 1% OF THE COUNTRY! They're not just rich...they're mega rich. In fact less than 1% of our population controls 99% of the wealth. That's the argument made by Occupy Wall Street supporters.

The specific grievances aired by the protesters could fill a few pages of The Critic. I'd rather not focus so much on why they are angry (spend five minutes looking at your own financial situation), but more on why they are protesting in the first place. It would be easy to dismiss them as extremists, fanatics, and aloof hippies.

But the truth of the matter is that protesting DOES ACCOMPLISH THINGS! At least as a nation we are finally having an earnest discussion about capitalism, regulation, and the oligarchy

that runs this machine that we call a country. The mainstream media ignored the movement for weeks. A month later now and it's the thing dominating the major news networks.

I urge all of you to do some homework this weekend. Go online and research this growing movement. Watch Robert Reich's excellent explanation about how the economy really works on YouTube. Just type in "The Truth about the Economy." It will be eye opening for many of you. For others it will seem like preaching to the choir.

Furthermore if any of you have the time and the will, make your way to Burlington to join in the discussions occurring on there. It doesn't matter if you are Republican, Democrat, or from the Bull Moose Party.

You can have a say in how our financial system should be reformed to benefit all of us, not just the upper crust. A strong middle class is critically needed to get us back on the right track. Class warfare is not an option. A very wise man in a top hat once said "A nation divided against itself cannot stand". A very unwise princess once said "Let them eat cake". Think about where you stand on that LSC.

What's going on in Whitelaw?

Erin Milne

Critic Correspondent

"Underage drinking." "Smoking violation." "Marijuana." These are some of the recent incidents in the Whitelaw residence hall that have appeared in Lyndon State College's Public Safety log.

While it may seem that there have been a lot of violations this semester in the first year residence halls—particularly Whitelaw—there really have been no more than usual, said Erin Rossetti, director of residential life. In fact, the number of violations so far this academic year is the same as at this time last year, Rossetti said, adding that smoking violations in the gazebo outside the Stonehenge complex have increased slightly.

According to Rossetti, violations are common in the first year halls at the start of each school year because freshmen are "testing the waters" as they

get used to LSC's policies. When a Residence Hall Director (RHD) or Resident Assistant (RA) finds a student in violation of LSC policy, the incident gets reported to Public Safety. Public Safety then discusses the incident with the student, documents it, and sends a report to Residential Life.

Residential Life then investigates the charge and decides whether to hold a judicial hearing, said Jonathan Davis, associate dean of student affairs. During the hearing, the student will meet one-on-one with Rossetti, Davis, or their RHD, and the student will be given the chance to present evidence or witnesses in their defense. The hearings follow a set procedure and both the student and the staff member must sign a statement at the end of the hearing stating that the procedure was followed, Davis said.

If a charge against a student is found to be baseless, it will be

dismissed, Davis said; otherwise, a sanction will be imposed. Sanctions range from a verbal or written warning to probation to community service to a fine. The college is also beginning to use restorative justice in some cases, which allows students to make amends with a specific victim or with the community at large. For serious violations, a student may be suspended from the residence halls or the college itself. In a case where suspension is an option, a student will have a hearing with a panel of staff members, Davis said.

"We hope that students won't treat it as, just because there's a hearing, it's the end of the world," Davis said, adding that the purpose of hearings and sanctions is not merely to punish students but rather to teach them the reasons behind LSC's policies and the impact that violations have on the campus community. He added that the judicial process often allows the

administration to get to know students better and creates better relationships between the students and the administration.

LSC also focuses on prevention, Rossetti said. New students are educated about the college's policies at SOAR, and RAs post info about the policies on residence hall bulletin boards. Suitemates also sign contracts in which they agree to expectations for each other's behavior, and expectations are discussed further in residence hall meetings, Rossetti said.

Alcohol and drug violations in the residence halls have tended to fluctuate over the past three years. According to LSC's 2011-2012 Public Safety and Campus Crime report, which came out last week, there were 141 liquor law violations in 2010, compared to 185 in 2009 and 128 in 2008. There were also 53 drug abuse violations in 2010, compared to 40 in 2009 and 62

in 2008.

The RHD for Stonehenge, Melissa Nelson, refused to give the names of her RAs or allow them to comment for this story.

Do Whitelaw residents feel there are many violations in their building?

"Not really. I haven't heard anything yet."

- Billy Johnson, freshman, exercise science

"No, I'm all good."

- Alyssa Pridgen, freshman, atmospheric sciences

"There are definitely a few."

- Ryan Buckley, freshman, atmospheric sciences

"No, you don't really hear about them."

- Jasmin Amaral, freshman, exercise science

LSC Student Plays Roll in Presidential Search

Sarah Aube

Critic Staff

The decision about the new president at LSC is an important one, and one student gets to have her voice heard as a part of the presidential search committee.

Julie Austin, a 19 year-old sophomore majoring in accounting was chosen to be a part of this committee that is going through the process of choosing

a new president.

"It gives me a chance to help in the process for determining the president at LSC," said Austin. "It is a huge honor to be on this committee as a student, especially as a second year student."

When putting the committee together, they were looking for a second-year student because a student in this year would have some experience at

LSC and would also be more affected by the choice of the new president.

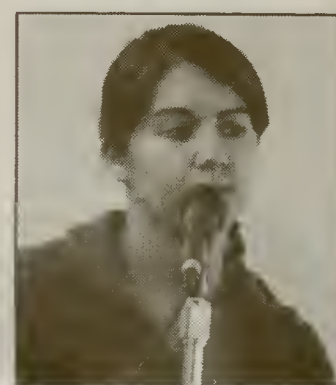
Austin also qualified for the position on this committee because they were looking for somebody originally from Vt., and they were also looking for someone who demonstrates leadership, which she does as a peer leader.

"I want to see somebody who is passionate about what

they do," said Austin. "Somebody who wants to be here for more than just a job."

She also hopes to see someone that is already connected with the student body and knows the area surrounding LSC well, and fits in with our community and the ideals we have.

Austin thinks that being asked to work with this committee is a great opportunity and a great chance to work with others.



File

Julie Austin has a say in who will be LSC's next president.

Public Safety Log

The Campus

10/19 Stonehenge Parking Lot

- Reckless Driving

"The name is Bond, James Bond"

10/15 Arnold - Public Intoxication,

Threatening Behavior

"I'll cut you, bro!"

10/15 Arnold - Alcohol Policy Violation

"That dude tried to cut me! I

needed a drink!"

10/15 Arnold - Violation of Room and Board Contract

"That Justin Bieber poster is the last straw!"

10/18 Poland - Medical Emergency

"Call the ambulance!"

10/19 Wheelock - Underage Alcohol Possession

"Isb juice, occifer!!!"

10/19 Wheelock - Possession of Marijuana

"But...but...I didn't inhale!"

10/18 Off-Campus - Suicide Threat

"Don't do it, man!"

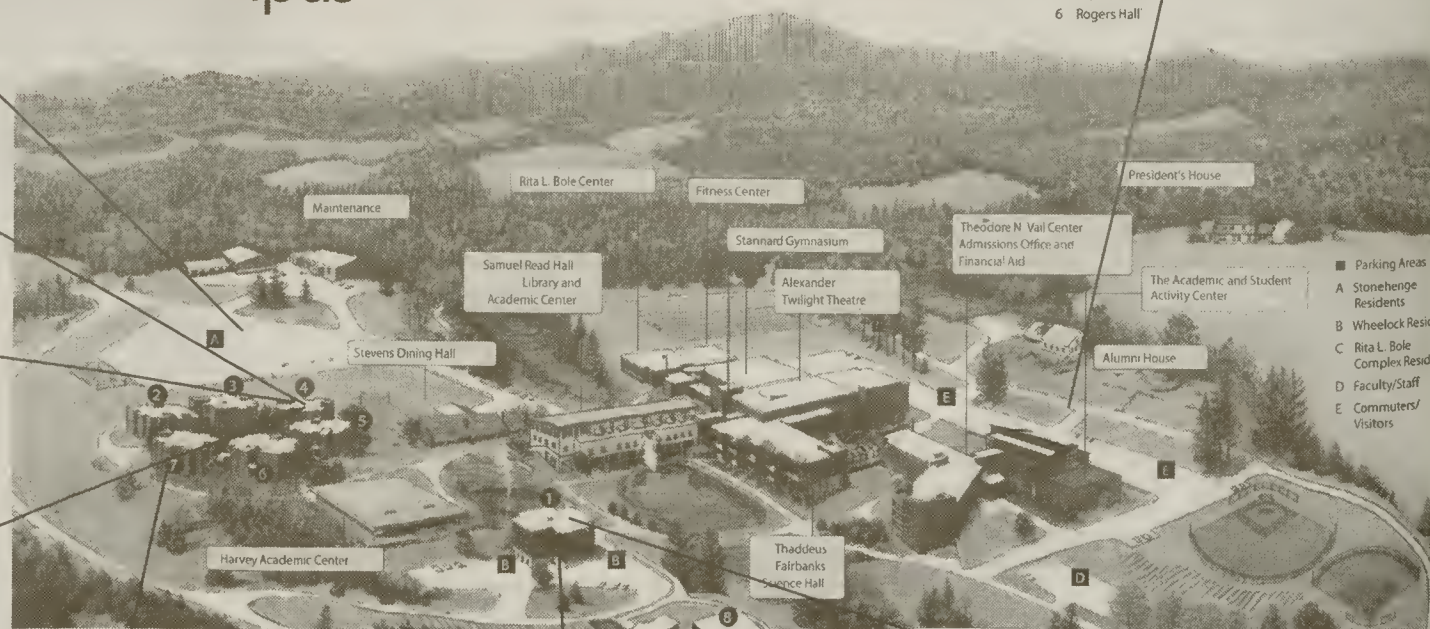
10/15 Lower Campus Road - Motor Vehicle Accident/Leaving Scene of Accident

"But I'll be late for class!"

- Residence Halls
- 1 Wheelock Hall
- 2 Crevecoeur Hall

- 3 Whitelaw Hall
- 4 Arnold Hall
- 5 Bayley Hall
- 6 Rogers Hall

- 7 Poland Hall
- 8 Rita L. Bole Complex



Ryan's Review: "Bad as Me" by Tom Waits

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Correspondent

Score: 9/10

Tom Waits is a legend of a dying breed. He brings thoughts of a cool, old, lounge crooners of the 1930's and 40's. His raspy voice, the horns, the piano, the guitars all sound of a dark time in American history. That doesn't mean Waits doesn't keep it interesting though.

Tom Waits is one of the most interesting men in this music period. Like all of his work, he likes to add absurd twists to his lyrics, instruments that sound other worldly, and tell tales of seedy underground characters. Ever since I was introduced to his music a few years ago, I've been hooked. When I heard this summer he would be releasing a new album this year, it's easy to say I was excited. Then I found that he would be streaming the new album online for members of his email list starting October 17th, a week before the release of Bad

as Me, I signed up right away and got myself a code to listen to it.

This album starts off with the track "Chicago", it's a short track but it's a fantastic introduction to what exactly you'll be getting yourself into with this album. In fact, the song sounds like you're taking a ride on a train with the way the instruments are played, the train whistle harmonica, the chugging beat, and to top it off Waits yelling "All aboard!" at the end of the song seems to be his way of saying we're in for a crazy ride. The next two tracks "Raised Right Men" and "Talking At The Same Time" have a fantastic blues sound to them. "Raised Right Men" has a nice straight forward blues feel to it with it's spastic organ, dark looming beat, and Waits' intense delivery of lyrics.

The major highlights on this album though would be the title track, "Bad as Me", "Hell Broke Luce". "Bad as Me" show how masterful Waits is at word play. "Bad" has an intense delivery

and an intriguing dialogue going on. He's lost someone he's loved, someone just like him. He's seeing them as a necessary evil, and his other, sly voice is encouraging the want of this "evil" back in his life. The biggest song on this album by far would be "Hell Broke Luce". This song sounds like it came from hell itself, but he's singing about war, more specifically Iraq and Afghanistan from what I can tell. The stomping and clapping in the background with the heavy guitar just give this song a bite like no other, and the machine gun bursts and explosions just kick it up a notch.

Overall Bad as Me is another quality showing from Mr. Waits. The songs on here are all top notch, which at this point, seems to be all Tom Waits can do. There truly is none other like Tom Waits, and if you haven't listened to any of his other albums then this would definitely be a good starting point. Be sure to pick this one up when it comes out on Octo-



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Tracks you'll Love: "Pay me" "Hell Broke Luce" "Last Leaf" "Satisfied"

Tracks you can Skip: "Face the Highway"

Rising Stars: Self Made Records

(soundcloud.com/self-made-records) Suisyde Layne, Duke LAX, Young Piddles, Lil' Gunz, T-Collets, Big Red, D Nelly, El-Jefe, and Coudaman, all make up the up and coming roster for the rap crew under Self Made Records.

Lyndon Listed: Top 10 Longest Serving Faculty and Staff

Dave Marks
Critic Correspondent

Everyone loves a list: top 10 places to live, top 10 most influential people, top 10 best albums of the year. Knowing this and looking to fulfill that love, journalist Dave Marks has ventured out to create some lists based on Lyndon's Campus.

This week's "Lyndon Listed" category is top 10 longest serving faculty and staff at Lyndon. Maintenance supervisor Art Peake is ranked at number one. He has been a part of the college staff since 1972.

When it comes to faculty, Ernest Broadwater from the education department is at the top. This faculty member remembers the first computer lab

at Lyndon, describing it as a small computer lab with 8-10 "black apples, not Macs." Lyndon later bought 16 additional K of memory to upgrade the 48K black apples. Broadwater would have a hard time in 2011 counting the amount of computers our school has.

Broadwater's office sits on the fourth floor, across from the very room where the initial computer lab was located. Broadwater says he is reminded of his achievements at Lyndon every time he visits the schools. During his 36 years at Lyndon, seeing Lyndon's student's becoming teachers, and giving a contribution to society is assuring to him.

During his time here, Broadwater partook in a Fulbright International Exchange program where he taught in England. A decade later he took a sabbatical to teach at a University in Japan. In his 36 years, he has applied to jobs in Australia, and thought about moving to Seattle, but in the end he says he couldn't see himself leaving Vermont.

In third place it's Ronald Rossi and John DeLeo who have been professors at Lyndon since 1976. That was the year that Vail Hall was built, and Psychology Professor Rossi still has the original paint on his office walls. Ronald Rossi and John DeLeo can vaguely remember coming to Lyndon at the same time 35 years ago.

In regards to Rossi and the Psychology department,

he says although the faculty and students have changed over the years, the mission to "focus on experiential learning" has stayed the same in the 35 years of the Psychology department.

Rossi claims that in all his years at Lyndon, it has never crossed his mind to leave this college.

"Lyndon has good people, good students, and I have always enjoyed working here.. and it's a wonderful place to raise children" he added.

"In 1976, Lyndon was a small college. In 2011 we have maintained that unique sense of community. Proportions have changed but we still have that same kind of atmosphere" says DeLeo from the Mountain recreation department.

As a department changes to stay competitive, a professor's career changes also.

It has been three times that DeLeo's career has changed. The Ski Resort management major was once known as community recreation when it started at Lyndon. For DeLeo his career focus has transitioned over the years going from an adventure

leadership concentration, then resource management. Now most recently in 2011, ski resort has taken a focus on now a geographic mapping field.

Being here for 35 years is a "double edged sword" DeLeo describes it. There is a certain "wisdom" that comes with working through different administrations (presidents). Having and knowing the history of how things used to be comes with a responsibility. At the same time DeLeo says it can be a burden being a professor who knows the way things were.

James Bozeman is a little higher up the list. The math and computer science professor has been at Lyndon since 1985, ranking him at number 9. Since 1985 Bozeman speaks about how much this school has improved

from his prospective. "The reputation is better, and it's been a constant progression upwards."

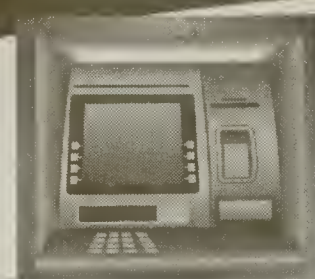
When asked about his accomplishments and achievements over 25 years here, he noted his enjoyment in helping students, watching them go on to graduate school, and getting good jobs. There are personal achievements such as getting research grants, and publications of his work, which lead him to feel comfortable about accomplishing his goals in life. Bozeman then remembered his goal of breaking 90 in "real golf."

The closest Bozeman says he ever came to leaving Lyndon was in the early '90s when he was offered a job at Castleton. He saw more opportunity at Lyndon when it came to teaching a diverse set of classes.

The Top 10

1. Art Peake, 40 yr.
2. Ernest Broadwater, 38 yr.
3. Ronald Rossi, 35 yr.
John DeLeo, 35 yr.
4. Tanya Bradley, 32 yr.
Donna Wheeler, 32 yr.
Sany Franz, 32 yr.
5. Barry Hertz, 31 yr.
Mark Bertolini, 31 yr.
6. Tim Hale, 30 yr.
Anne Brown, 30 yr.
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8. Ray Geremia, 27 yr.
9. James Bozeman, 26 yr.
10. Linda Metzke, 23 yr.

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Intramural Field Gets a Makeover

Phil Alexander
Kevin Lessard
Sports Editors

Renovations on the intramural practice field have begun.

What was originally one field shared by several teams will now become two.

Lyndon State College Athletic Director Chris Ummer is in support of the decision to make another field.

"We desperately needed a new practice field for our teams," Ummer said.

"We've been talking about doing the renovations for a few years, and the timing just happened to be right," added Ummer.

Teams like the lacrosse team, the rugby team, the Frisbee team, and the soccer team will all benefit from the new field, according to Ummer.

"Everyone can benefit from these fields being updated and renovated," said Ummer.

Fields are being updated to NCAA regulation, so that teams

can practice two fields that are the same size that they plan on.

"It's going to be a lot easier for more than one team to practice at the same time now, which will make it easier for all the teams to practice," Ummer said.

The fields are expected to be finished in a few weeks, but won't be able to be used until the July of 2012.

Intramural/Facilities Director Sue Henry thought that all was lost upon hearing that the Intramural Practice/Field was

going to be closed for construction.

"At first I thought we were going to have to cancel the flag football fall season," Henry said.

At the same time, Henry recognized that it was best for the school.

"I thought about what I was going to do with a couple of programs, but if we had the opportunity to do this, we need to do it now," Henry said.

And what's better, Henry later found out that intramural

sports like flag football could still be played.

"After talking with Chris Ummer, we'll end having some flag football," Henry said.

Henry believes that all parties will benefit, even in the short-term.

"People, I think, were taken care of," Henry said.

Intramural sports like flag football will be played on the two fields when construction is complete. As for the here and now, flag football games will be moved to the soccer field.

Men's Soccer Limps Into Playoffs

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State College's Men's Soccer team has had an up-and-down season so far.

The team is currently sitting at a 6-9-1 record. It is 3-4-1 against opponents in the North Atlantic Conference.

Senior Striker Shane O'Donnell-Leach believes that the team has the talent to compete at a high level.

"We know we have the talent to play with anybody in the conference. It's all about putting it all together," O'Donnell-Leach said.

There have been constant injuries to the team, including to O'Donnell-Leach, who said that he had two sprained ankles at the beginning of the season.

These injuries certainly slowed O'Donnell-Leach down,

but he was able to fight his way through.

"By the end of the season, you're so beat up. It's all about heart rather than health," O'Donnell-Leach said.

For O'Donnell-Leach, the inspiration to play hard comes from his teammates.

"You definitely see your teammates out there, and they're playing through pain. It makes you want to step up your game. The pain kind of goes away with the adrenaline and the respect you have for your teammates out there playing hard alongside you," O'Donnell-Leach said.

If the team gets fully healthy, O'Donnell-Leach sees the team in a good position to win the NAC.

"There's not a doubt in my mind that we have the talent

and ability to win the NAC. We've had our challenges throughout the season, and we've definitely fought through them and stayed together through them. I feel like the playoffs are where it's all going to come together for us," O'Donnell-Leach said.

Junior Striker Patrice Lumumba also has a great of confidence in the team.

"We have a great team. I feel like we have a better team than last year," Lumumba said.

Lumumba, who is first in the NAC in points (26), still feels like he has to improve his performance for the playoffs.

"The next couple of games I'll try to go out, and hopefully do better again," Lumumba said.

The Hornets have one more regular season this Saturday, 3:00 p.m. at Thomas University. Cur-

rently, the team is in seventh place in the NAC. It needs to be in eighth place or higher to qualify for the NAC playoffs.

That low ranking does not

mean anything to Lumumba.

"We can be the last seed, and we can perform better in the playoffs," Lumumba said.



Photo by LSC Athletics

Even with all of the injuries, Men's Soccer will make the postseason.

Women's Volleyball Digging Pink for Breast Cancer



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

The women's volleyball team hosted their 2nd annual DiG PiNK tournament to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. The crowd of about 100 sported pink for October, which is breast cancer awareness month. The Hornets then stung Johnson State in straight sets (25-14, 25-19, 25-21), with Erica Ponte, number 5, leading the Hornets with 10 kills.

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Women's Tennis Hits End of Road

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

The women's tennis team's season ended Sunday with a 9-0 loss to Colby-Sawyer in the North Eastern Atlantic Conference Semifinal.

Coach Sue Henry admits that the players had an off-day.

"I know that the players were disappointed because they didn't play as well as we had worked all season," Henry said.

Despite the loss, the Lady Hornets posted a 4-4 record within the North Atlantic Conference.

Play within the NAC is

Coach Henry's focus for next season.

"We were definitely in the middle this year for sure, so we're looking to step up and be contenders with Colby-Sawyer and Castleton next year," Henry said.

All but one player is eligible to return to the team next season, and that stability is what gives Coach Henry hope that the Lady Hornets can accomplish that goal.

"We have a great nucleus and great young leaders on our team. I'm very much looking forward to taking that next step," Coach Henry said.

One player that is a part of the young nucleus is freshman Hannah Frigon.

Frigon had no problem becoming part of the program.

"The team was really encouraging. They were always giving me pointers, and there was a level playing field. No one really felt that they were really better than the other," Frigon said.

Being new to the team, Frigon also noticed that the players were passionate about what they did.

"Everyone played well. They played to their best. Even if people were not having a good day,

everybody played the hardest that they could," Frigon said.

Despite a concentrated effort, members of the team had a hard time assembling due to class scheduling. However, a focus on academics is what Coach Henry wants her players to have during the offseason.

"Now our next goal we'll shoot for is to be the top grade point average team," Henry said.

Flynn earns

All-NEAC East Honors

Lyndon's Kayla Flynn, a sophomore Meteorology major from Johnston, R.I., was named a First-Team All-North Eastern

Athletic Conference East Division singles selection for a second-consecutive season. A year ago, Flynn was named to both the All-NEAC East First-Team in singles and doubles and walked off with the conference's Rookie of the Year Award as well.

In the 2011 season, playing out of first and second flight singles and No. 1 doubles, Flynn amassed an overall singles record of 8-4 and a mark of 6-2 in the NEAC East. In doubles play, she teamed with Kelsey Johnson to record an overall record of 5-7 and a conference mark of 3-5.

XC Warming Up for Title Run

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Both the men's and women's cross country teams have performed well this season so far.

Cross Country Coach Chris Ummer said that the team is right on par with where they should be this time in the season.

"Both teams are progressing as I expected and as they typically do this time of year," said Coach Ummer.

Ummer says that the times aren't necessarily impressive, but that is because of the difficulty of courses the teams have been running.

Although the team will be racing against many other

schools in the Conference Championship, Ummer says that the team has one opponent in particular that they have to watch out for.

"It's really between us and New England College," said Ummer.

Ummer says that he believes his teams are ready for the race and even have an advantage over

other teams.

"I'm a believer that as a runner you can only perform at your best just a limited of times," Ummer said.

Ummer says that the week leading up to a championship race he likes to talk specific strategy with the teams.

"I'll tell the team what runners they should mark and try

and stay with," said Ummer.

"I'll give them good workouts, but they will have plenty of time to rest up also," added Ummer.

On October 30, Lyndon State will host the NAC Conference Championship. The men will race at 11 a.m., while the Women will go at 12 p.m.

David Being Stern

John Kazar
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Critic Columnists

It seems as if there will never be a 2011-2012 NBA season.

With the entire preseason and the first two weeks of the regular season cancelled due to the lockout, how much more hope can NBA fans have? As far as what needs to be done, it's pretty simple; the players need to reach an agreement with the owners. But that is much easier said than done.

The Lockout, which began on July 1st, is the fourth work stoppage in NBA history. A handful of star players have already signed contracts to go overseas and play during the lockout. 2011 All Star Deron Williams signed a one year deal to play for the Turkish Basketball League, and many international players have opted to play for their home countries until the lockout ends.

Now that they know regular season games will be missed, players have become very stingy with their financial situations. Fans, owners and even players didn't think the lockout would get to the point where games would get cancelled. Commissioner David Stern has made it adamant that he won't settle for a bad deal regarding the players and owners just to get the season underway.

Many players have started taking action because they are unsure of their financial situations. Superstar Kevin Love of the Minnesota Timberwolves, who has been in the league for two years said, "...I started thinking. How much do I have to put away if we miss a whole year?" Love later goes on to say that he has been putting money away since his first NBA paycheck and has stayed away from spending his money on "useless" expenses like multiple houses and partying.

On the other hand you have former Celtic Delonte West. West failed to sign a contract with a team overseas and he then put in an application to Home Depot but didn't get the job. He is currently working at a furniture store in Maryland.

The longest NBA lockout was during the 1998-1999 season. The regular season was shortened from 82 games to 50 and David Stern was also the commissioner then. It is unknown what will happen because the pendulum can go either way, but now that games have been cancelled it has lit a fire under the butts of owners and players. The scariest part of the situation is how Stern has shown no fear in cancelling games.

Fans will just have to wait patiently to see the outcome, whether they get a season or lose it altogether.

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Black Belt Web Sensai at Lyndon

Peter Nute
News Editor

Lyndon State College's webmaster, Takuya Shimamura studied martial arts while going to college in Japan and is a third degree black belt.

Shimamura occasionally travels to Boston to continue his study in Shorinji Kempo, a style of karate.

"There isn't much opportunity for that around here, which is why I was going to Boston."

When asked if he was looking for competition around the college, Shimamura laughed, encouraging others to pick it up and learn some new skills.

Shimamura was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan. After graduating from college he moved to the United States at the age of 23, and studied exercise science at Keene State College in New Hampshire, eventually obtaining a degree. The difference in how colleges are run in America and Japan was a difficult thing for him to grasp initially.

"Getting into college in Japan is re-

ally tough. You have to study like two or three years just for the testing to get accepted. After you get in things are easy.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg
Shimamura works at his desk.

When I started going to college here, I was surprised by how many papers I had to do, how hard I had to work."

Shimamura fell into the role of webmaster at LSC after taking a computer

class at Keene. As he continues to develop LSC's website, his job continues to develop and grow as well.

"I took a computer class at Keene, and I liked it, but it was kind of boring. I started studying it myself on the side. The job (at LSC) started as maintaining the website; it grew into developing the website itself. For the past four or five years I've been a part of the marketing strategy here at the college, sending out email campaigns and monitoring the college's Facebook page. I also work on developing services for current students and prospective students."

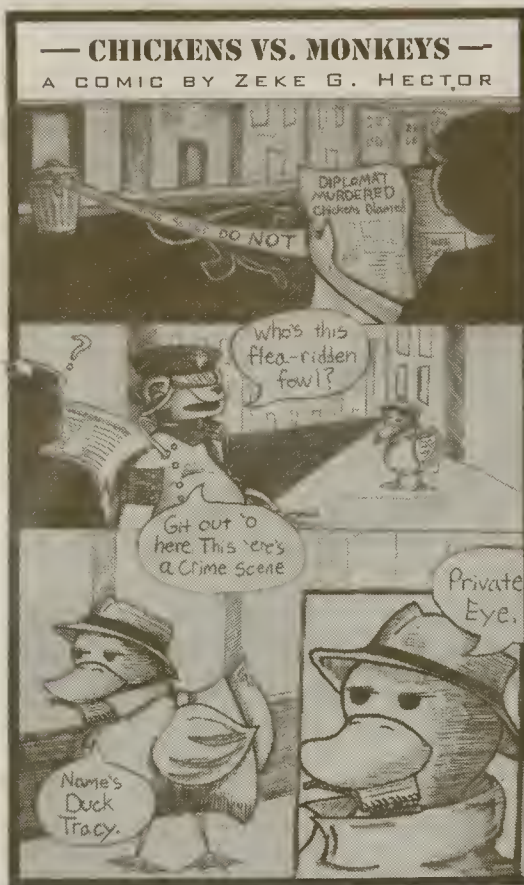
One of the appealing things about America to Shimamura is the opportunity for work. Jumping from one career to another in Japan is a difficult thing to do.

"In Japan, after you pass age thirty or so switching a job is very hard. Once you get in a company, people tend to be there for a long time. When I lived in Japan, I had to put my date of birth on my resume so the employer could search by age. This was legal when I lived in Japan, it isn't

now. But some (companies) still have a sense of when you pass age 35, the company just won't hire you. But here, there are far more opportunities."

Cultural differences can make it difficult for Japanese people to integrate into American society. This was not the case for Shimamura. "I think some Japanese people get depressed because of the cultural difference. The people are different, the food is different, but I didn't really have any cultural shock when I came to America."

Shimamura is married and has two daughters, ages three and five, who go to school in town. He enjoys reading non-fiction books on his Kindle, listening to music, and taking walks. He can often be found at the McDonald's in town on his computer. "McDonald's has Wi-fi," he said. "I need noise. I can't work in a quiet station. When I go to McDonald's, I work faster. A lot of different people walk in, and it gives me the chance to do some people watching."



Smelly Elevator Leaks Vegetable Oil

Morgan Forester
Critic Staff

Have you ever noticed a rancid smell on the first floor of Vail? Maybe you were heading down to get your mail or dj-ing at the radio station when you came across the overpowering scent of decay.

The smell comes from the elevator, more specifically it comes from the Hydraulic Fluid used to keep the elevator running smoothly. The school has opted to use vegetable oil instead of traditional oil in efforts to be more environmentally friendly.

According to Head of Maintenance, Tom Archer, the smell occurs

when the oil leaks past seals in the Hydraulic System.

"The fact that we use vegetable oil does make the smell more likely. This happens because the vegetable [oil] starts decomposing when exposed to the atmosphere," says Archer.

Those working in the mailroom are painfully aware of every time the

"Eventually you get used to the smell,"
- Rhonda Trucott

Hydraulic Fluid has leaked. Rhonda Trucott can only find one word to describe it: "nasty."

"Eventually you get used to the smell," says Trucott, "but any time you have to leave and come back it hits you all over again."

According to Archer, the maintenance team does not cut any corners when it comes to the odor from the elevator. Rather than cover the smell with a deodorizer, the team does a thorough clean.

"The deodorizer is used only when clean up occurs, we never leave oil in the pit and apply deodorizer to solve smell issues," says Archer.

Following clean-up, all of the oils taken from the Hydraulic System are then recycled, something that is easier to do being that the oils are vegetable based.

Perhaps cleaning out the Hydraulic System more often would solve the smell problem, but for now it is a once in a while downside to an organic system that reduces the school's waste.

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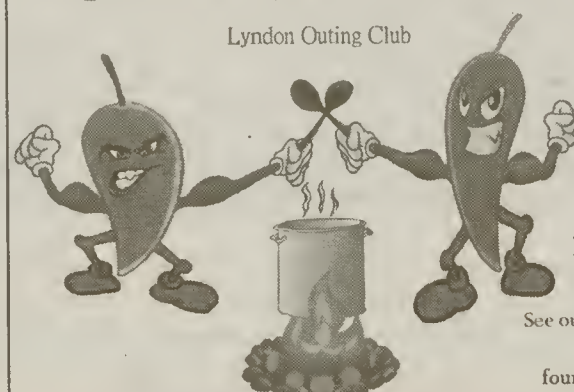
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SKI AND RIDE WIPED OUT

Katelyn Zenie
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Lyndon State's Ski and Ride season is frozen before the first inch of snow has fallen.

Ski and Ride violated school and club policy by allowing alcoholic beverages to be consumed by attendees at their preseason rail jam event, which occurred on Saturday, October 22.

The vote passed 29 to nine to apply the sanctions the Student Government Association Executive Board proposed. The sanctions include: loss of voting rights within the SGA, loss of rights to hold events, cancelation of right to purchase or distribute merchandise, and their budget will be frozen. These sanctions are to be active for 15 school weeks, and will discontinue on March 21.

"The goal of these sanctions was never to destroy Ski and Ride. That is not our goal. Our goal was to make sure that these policies, which are United States law, are followed," said SGA President Nick Russo. "I hope that other clubs will also see this as a reminder that they are going to be held to higher standards as well."

The members of this group have the right to continue to ski and snowboard at Burke Mountain and otherwise on their own time, but this vote was to approve or deny the sanctions. Therefore, there was no opportunity to revise the punishment for these ac-

tions.

"We talked about balancing the sanctions between being too severe so that it cripples the club, to being enough to where it gives them incentive to change their ways and also to come back as a strong club in the spring time," said Russo.

After 15 weeks, Lyndon Ski and Ride will need to go back through the student government process to be re-issued into the SGA system. The money that was made by LSC Ski and Ride will go back into the general SGA budget. Ski and Ride is the one of the largest clubs on campus, with 81 members, and brings in the most revenue.

Charlie Forrest, a public safety officer on campus, witnessed around 20 to 25 cars parked on the newly seeded grass down near the new skate park. It is illegal to park in that area, so Forrest went down to check it out.

Upon arrival at the event, Forrest found 30 to 40 beer cans scattered around the area. Forrest then told Samuel Pierog, president of Ski and Ride, to take charge of the affair.

"I informed him that there were a few infractions, starting out with the vehicles," Forrest said. "I told him about the beer cans, and because he was in charge of the event, he needed to straighten the issues out. Then shortly after, probably within a half hour or forty-five minutes, the event stopped. I wasn't over there until shortly after four so it was starting to get dark, and the event just ended itself."

Pierog says that he took the necessary steps in the situation. "I told everybody who was there to not drink alcohol, and if they were I asked them to leave. After I made that announcement, I didn't see any more consumption, everybody seemed



Members of the Ski and Ride executive board defend their position.

Photo by Sierra Willenburg

to put away anything they had, and everybody who was involved left. So I felt like I did what I had to do, to let the school know because public safety was informed, and also that the people there stopped [drinking]."

Pierog also brought up the LSC Risk Management Plan, a 52 page long document that he created, which goes over specific details and rules within the club. Pierog quoted the section in the Risk Management Plan that relates to their drug and alcohol policy.

"All Lyndon State College Ski and Ride events, meetings, and activities are under the same drug and alcohol policy as the entire college. In the event of alcohol at the club event, public safety must be informed immediately and all persons involved in consumption will be asked to leave the event."

Pierog says that the Risk Management Plan is with him at

all club events and that everybody in the club is aware of the rules. He also said, however, that there were over 100 attendees at this particular event, and many of them were not members of the club, therefore they may have not known the rules.

Sam Pierog and Ski and Ride Club SGA representative Weston Miller both said when they saw alcohol being consumed they asked those individuals to leave, and that they did so without a problem.

Pierog says, "I didn't contact public safety because the individuals I talked to before [public safety] showed up were pretty compliant on leaving and getting rid of whatever they had."

However, the determining factors of the sanctions passing were not based solely off this incident.

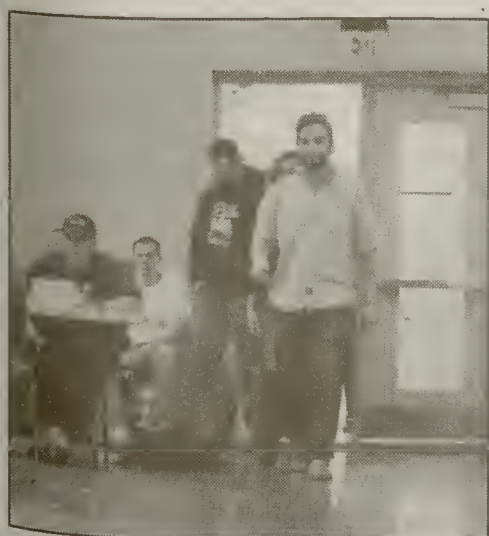
"This isn't just about the whole drinking thing; there have

been many, many things that have been going on." Meghan Dolyak, Administrative Vice-President of the SGA said. "If they had done an event request on the website, we could have public safety there, we could have done all these things, but they didn't do that."

The group has had a problem with alcohol at their events before this incident and they were warned the first time not to let it happen again.

Weston Miller says, "I'm willing to accept the responsibility. We shouldn't have let it go as far as it did. As the executive board it's our responsibility to make sure, as far as club sponsored events, go according to plan and are following school regulation."

George Hacking, head of Public Safety, said, "I hope the people who were affected by this decision will see the error of their ways and change how they conduct business here on campus."



Ski and Ride returns to hear verdict.

Photo by Sierra Willenburg

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Beware of Money Spent Not Wisely But Too Well

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Ever since our national leaders decided that the best way to spend our money was to bail out banks that had made bad investments, we keep hearing from one group after another looking for government cash to make life eas-

ier for them.

We had a rally focusing on that issue recently and one speaker after another spoke about the need for more money for higher education. Where should this money come from? Why, the state of course. The state, any state, is the primary source of money for just about anything. To

solve a problem we need only ask the state to throw more money at it. There are two things wrong with this formula. First is that the state produces no wealth of its own. Others produce the wealth of the state. The state's power is limited only to the ability to take wealth from producers by force. If you don't believe force is involved, stop paying taxes and license fees to the government and see what happens.

The second flaw in the formula is that money can be spent on things that turn out to have little or no value. Even if something has value, it's always possible that the same money could have bought something of much greater value. In the end, value is subjective. One person's trash is another's treasure.

So how will this money be spent? Do state colleges have a problem finding qualified professors willing to work for current rates? Are state college buildings deteriorating, creating hazardous conditions for students and staff? Do state colleges need more administrators?

This college had a financial crisis last year. Now, it turns out, there was no crisis. Maybe additional funds are needed to hire competent accountants to assess the financial condition of the college.

Half a century ago, most of today's higher education problems did not exist. Many city and state colleges did not charge tuition. Tuition at UCLA in California and the City University of New York were free to local residents. Both were institutions that had long histories of turning out graduates who went on to become famous.

But there is an old saying abbreviated as TANSTAAFL: there ain't no such thing as a free lunch. So what was the price of free higher education? The price was the traditional one of hard work. To get in, you needed an excellent high school record; to stay in, you had to keep your grades up.

Did that discriminate against those who did not do well in high school? Not at all. Perhaps they lacked motivation in high school; maybe they focused on football or girls. No problem. If they were now ready for the serious pursuit of knowledge, they could

enroll in a junior college and by dint of hard work bring up their academic record to the point needed for admission to the state or city university.

Today's system is quite different. Anyone can get in and to stay in you only need a bare minimum passing average. It's not free and this state's public college system is one of the most expensive in the country, but you are automatically qualified for loans to pay your college bills.

Of course if a student does very little work and chooses the easiest courses, they may receive a diploma after four of five years, but they may really have nothing more to offer than they did out of high school. What they will have is \$40,000 or so in debt, which will hang over their head for twenty years or so. Worse still, if they fail or drop out, they're still saddled with debt that they may never be able to repay.

Who are the real winners of this system? That's hard to say. There's a student loan industry that, I suspect, is doing quite well. There are well-paid administrators that spend most of their time helping students secure funding thus increasing their debt. There may be professors and lecturers that are trying to teach things that may be of little use in the job market to students who are not that interested in learning them. Who knows?

The high cost of traditional higher education has given rise to many alternatives on the dark side. There are diploma mills that prey on students looking for alternatives to thirty years of debt. Literally thousands of scams have sprung up to bilk people by promising degrees for nothing but hard cash.

But our President claims to understand. He told a group of students that, after law school, he and Michelle had over \$120,000 in student loan debt that took *nearly ten years* to pay off. Ten years? If only most students could be so lucky. Average student loans can saddle some debtors for life and few get off the hook in less than twenty years.

There are no easy solutions, but this is one critical area where creative thinking is called for. One of the most prestigious schools in the nation, New York's Cooper

Union still offers tuition free education for students. And Cooper Union is not funded by the City or State of New York. But Cooper Union is very careful with funds from their endowment and the contributions from successful alumnus and others.

On-line education is an alternative that needs examination. And then there are other ways technology can cut costs. Look at ocw.mit.edu, where hundreds of courses offered at MIT are presented online without cost. Other examples of videotaped university lectures include learnerstv.com and freevideolectures.com.

Hold on, you say, on-line video is no substitute for live interaction with an excellent professor. You are absolutely right. But how many times have you sat in a classroom with a professor who lectures from his notes and wants discussion to be minimized so that the course can stay on schedule. Or the professor who lectures from the book that you are expected to bring to class. "Turn to page 274, class and look at that graph (or table, or map, or picture). Couldn't you have looked at that material at home?"

You won't find any answers here. The point is that there is a fertile field and a great need for creativity applied to educational methods and practices. Students too, need to be creative, in planning their education and lives.

Revised Top Ten List

- 1972 Art Peake, maintenance supervisor
- 1974 Ernie Broadwater, professor of education,
- 1976 John Deleo, professor of mountain recreation management
- 1976 Ron Rossi, professor of psychology
- 1979 Donna Wheeler, director of conferences and guest relations
- 1979 Tanya Bradley, director of financial aid
- 1979 Sandy Franz, director of human resources
- 1980 Patty Cross, administrative assistant, physical plant department
- 1980 Barry Hertz, professor of education
- 1981 Tim Hale, custodian/maintenance worker
- 1981 Anne Brown, director of AmeriCorps

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*Angry Ani Speaks Out:**Trucker Hats and Slutty Costumes, REALLY?*

What's up bitches? Week seven of Angry Ani and still going strong! To tell you the truth, writing this column this week made me pretty angry considering it was just one of the butt-loads of work I have to complete at this point in the semester and I'm sure every student knows that feeling right about now...

Besides classes, a lot of other things have been pissing me off. Like... TRUCKER HATS. I have to admit it, I myself wanted to get a personalized trucker hat on Tuesday, but I have my [favorite] four-hour geology class, which always seems to conflict with the CAB events I actually want to attend. Anyway, on our break, I found out that the trucker hats were already gone so it was already a lost cause, but I was wrong, the trucker hats were NOT gone, THEY WERE EVERYWHERE. Every freaking student had a trucker hat! Some people didn't even airbrush their hat; they just wore the hat for the hell of it, which also pissed me off. And for the people that did airbrush the hats, REALLY? Did you have to pick those toolish nicknames to put on the hat, i.e. DAN WEINER. You're name is Dan, people call you Dan, or like me, they just call you WIENER—NOT "DJ CHROME!" So don't put that on your damn trucker hat.

Nitpickers. Nitpickers make me angry. There's a difference between constructive criticism and nitpicking. Apparently, my article is so good, that the only thing people can do, IS NITPICK. For example, some "criticisms" (aka NITPICKINGS) about my articles are that I, "don't write in journalistic style," and I "use caps." SUCK IT BITCHES — I'LL USE ALL THE FREAK-

ING CAPS I WANT. I MIGHT JUST TYPE IN CAPS ONLY FROM NOW ON... No, I won't, but still. The nitpicking is bullshit. I want some constructive criticism that I can actually work with, and not some bitchy nitpicking complaints. Thanks nitpickers!

Here's something you don't hear very often in my column, I LOVE HALLOWE'EN! I love everything about Hallowe'en — the month of Hallowe'en, the food (aka butternut squash), the pumpkins, the CANDY[corn], and EVERYTHING ELSE.

However, like everything else in the world, there are certain aspects of Hallowe'en that really make me angry. One of those, are slutty Hallowe'en costumes. Just because it's a costume, doesn't mean it's an appropriate time to pull out the slutty card. I see bitches everyday pulling out the slutty card left and right and they sure as hell don't care if it's Halloween or Christmas, so why does every girl feel the need to dump it all out on my favorite holiday ever? Why?! Why do they have to just ruin my day with slutty costumes?! Bottom line, slutty Hallowe'en costumes make me angry.

Another thing that makes me angry isn't necessarily about Halloween itself, but it's the fact that the day AFTER Halloween, people just throw up the Christmas decorations. Umm excuse me, what about Thanksgiving?! The harvest season isn't over! People just completely skip over my second favorite holiday, which is in fact Thanksgiving. Who doesn't love the day they sit around in their fat pants and eat until they fall asleep... or at least until their mom brings out the pumpkin pie. It just makes me so angry that there is no transition zone; I go from seeing



DJ Chrome is the latest victim to feel Angry Ani's wrath.

kids dressed up as witches and crayons, and the next day there's an inflatable santa on my neighbors front lawn! The jump from Halloween to Christmas makes me angry.

People who don't know how to Google, piss me off. You're probably reading this and thinking, "Who the hell doesn't know how to Google?" Yeah, I know, it's hard to believe, but there are people who can actually suck at Google-ing. One of those people is my mother. I love her to death, but I would NOT put money on her Google skills. Let's say she wants to know the capital of Nebraska. Instead of typing, "Nebraska capital," into the Google search like a "skilled" Googler would, my mom will

type in, "I am trying to find the capital of Nebraska, what is it?" Or "What is the capital of Nebraska?" Google is NOT askjeeves.com, YOU DON'T NEED TO ASK A QUESTION, just put the actual subject you want to know and 99% of the time, Google will not let you down. My point is, bitches need to learn how to Google, I would say "Google it," but apparently some people suck.

So there you have it, all the new things that are making me angry this week. Oh and to everyone who enjoys my article, you should know that just because I write an opinion piece, the Critic editor claims my column is not considered "news." However, if you GOOGLE the

definition of news, it is defined as: newly received or noteworthy information, esp. about recent or important events.

Well Eric Blaisdell, I AM giving the readers new information every week, and I AM providing information that should be noted so people don't piss me off, and everything I talk about is RECENTLY something that has made me angry, therefore, ANGRY ANI IS NEWS. The fact I need to even argue this makes me angry. So there you have it, all the RECENT, NOTEWORTHY anger causing EVENTS that I had to talk about this week. Until next time, I'm Ani, and I'm pretty freaking Angry.

*Vox Populi**We are Vermont*

Our rally last Thursday was a good start on an important journey, but we have to keep moving. So, I urge all members of the LSC community to sign our petition:

"I support reasonable, incremental increases in state funding for the Vermont State Colleges in order to maintain high quality education and minimize student debt."

Approximately 135 student, staff, faculty and administrators have already signed on, but we would like to be able to hand Governor Shumlin petitions with 1,000 LSC signatures. A Bachelor's degree graduate of the Vermont State College owes, on average, \$27,000. Many students owe even more. The state's contribution to VSC operating budgets has de-

creased approximately 10% every year for the past thirty years (from 46% in 1982 to less than 19% now). Nationwide, college students are signing 30 year loans to pay for their education, which means that they will begin repaying their loans at age 22, pay for 30 years and retire their debt at age 52. That's what we call "22-30-52". (Not long ago, it was "22-10-32.") Most student loans are exempted from declarations of bankruptcy. One still has to pay. The federal government is considering reductions to the Pell Grant program, so states, colleges, universities and students are likely to experience even greater financial stress.

The State of Vermont, The Vermont State Colleges and its students participate in an unspoken, unwritten but essential social contract. The state supports us and we support the state; its businesses, farms,

government, schools, human services.... its families and communities: We are Vermont.

*Timothy Miles Sturm, PhD
Professor of Education*

No Dorms Please

I want to share an RA's viewpoint of the term "dorm." As an RA, a big part of my job is to build community in the residence halls. Some people do not really understand the difference between a "residence hall" and a "dorm". The term residence hall describes campus housing that promotes a sense of community through resident involvement and interaction. A dorm is just a building where people sleep.

I also want to explain how RA's and

RHD's report a policy violation. When an RA or RHD discovers a policy violation, they document the incident. The documentation is then processed by the Department of Residential Life, whereby the students involved are sent a notification to schedule a conduct hearing with their RHD, Erin Rossetti, or a hearing panel depending on the violation type.

In closing, in encouraging

the use of the term 'residence hall' and the building of community, I would encourage all students to attend the programming and events that the Residence Hall Staffs organize. Be on the lookout for posters, Facebook groups, etc. advertising the many activities your peers are putting on each week!

*Alyssa Sylvia
Poland/Rogers RA*

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Turkish Aftershocks Felt at LSC

Morgan Forester

Critic Staff

The devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake that hit Eastern Turkey has local implications for one Lyndon State College professor.

It was the most powerful earthquake Turkey has seen since 1999 when a 7.6 magnitude earthquake hit Western Turkey in mid-August.

"I first heard about the earthquake from a friend who e-mailed me the news," said Dr. Ramazan Sag, a visiting professor of Education from Burdur, Turkey. "At first I was worried, but when I heard it was not near my home I was relieved."

The destruction caused by this most recent Earthquake is astonishing. Rescue workers from 1,275 rescue teams coming from 38 different provinces are still clearing debris and searching for any survivors in the

provinces of Ercis and Vans, the areas hit the hardest by the earthquake.

Outlying towns were also severely damaged by the 100 recorded aftershocks that occurred for ten hours following the initial earthquake. As the rescue workers' efforts continue, the death and injury tolls rise at a staggering rate. The most recent count stands at 650 wounded, 523 dead.

Normally these horrible numbers would only be numbers for a small campus in Northern Vermont, but for Sag the numbers hit home. He is visiting from Mehmet Akif Ersoy University for the academic year.

His hometown of Burdur is located in Western Turkey approximately 1,200km from the earthquake zone.

Sag's relief, however, was only temporary.

"I did not have friends or family near the earthquake but

they are all Turks, we are all a part of the same culture," says Sag describing a sense of brotherhood among the Turkish people.

Sag has heard that about 30 teachers have perished in the earthquake. It is reported that a dormitory collapsed during the earthquake and the local schools and colleges have had to shut down until the wreckage is cleared.

"We have students come from all over Turkey. They may not have been my students, but there could have been students from my university in the earthquake."

According to Sag the provinces of Ercis and Vans are very poor and the local government does not require people to follow building regulations or to obtain building permits. This may account for part of the destruction. Had buildings been

required to be built to code, it is likely that the destruction would not have been as devastating.

"The [Turkish] government is discussing building regulations to avoid future destruction," says Sag.

In a country that is crossed by multiple fault lines, earthquakes are common, like the 6.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Elazig province last March just 200 km from Sag's hometown.

Building regulations like those implemented in Japan and, more locally, in California decrease the level of destruction by designing their buildings to sway and be flexible when an earthquake hits rather than crumple and collapse. Such building methods would be highly beneficial to Turkey and although it is being discussed, nothing has been passed just yet.

For those interested in aid-



Photo by Sarah Murphy

Professor Sag is visiting from earthquake-stricken Turkey.

ing in the disaster relief efforts Sag suggests contacting the Turkish Red Crescent Society, a branch of the Red Cross. Their website is found through www.ifrc.org. The website allows you to stay updated on the relief efforts as well as donate and volunteer.

Cheetah Eats Antelope-LSC Alumni Published

Marc Samson
Photo Editor

One of Lyndon's own has been published.

Jenny Rossi, a graduate of 2010 who dual majored in English, published a chapbook, *Riches for One, Poverty for Two*. Rossi, working part time and full time jobs is still writing on her free time. For her it isn't a joy as much as it is an instinct.

"I feed on words like a cheetah feeds on antelope" said Rossi in an email.

The idea from the book came from "the economics of

being alone", said Rossi. "The way a room is bigger or smaller by those who occupy it."

When writing the book, she limited herself to specific restrictions on top of the ones she had, "140 characters for poetry and 420 for prose... For this published work I felt my style change, getting a little softer, a bit more sly. I went with it."

But writing is not the ideal job says Rossi: "Eventually I'd like to teach writing. For now I just want to survive it."

This book is not the first piece in which she has been pub-

lished. Rossi has been published in online magazines such as *Short, Fast, and Deadly*, publishing short prose and flash poetry and *Strange Horizons*, which features science fiction literature, reviews and poetry. She also has been published in *New Verse News*, a magazine that featured a piece concerning the lack of federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

Being published is not the easiest thing to accomplish and Rossi knows this.

"There's a neat

process called submission. Writing + Submission = 99% Rejection," Rossi said, though she has a few suggestions about getting your work out there. "I think the best thing a writer can do is start submitting while they're in college. Get a taste for rejection. Find out if you can handle a steady diet. If you can't eat it cold for breakfast — than try to

get business degree instead... revise revise revise."

It doesn't stop right there. "Get your grammar and punctuation straight. Don't look like an idiot more than you can possible help."

Copies of this book can be found online at *Deadly Chaps* website @ <http://www.deadlychaps.com/jrcover.html>

Public Safety Log

10/22 Butt Hutt-
Fireworks Set Off

"Wait... It's not the 4th?"

10/22 Intramural Field-Violations at Glacier Event

"Drinking is just as much of a sport as riding bro."

10/23 Crevecour-Alcohol Under 21

"You don't know what I'm drinking, you're not drinking it."

10/19 Stonehenge Courtyard-2 Underage Drinking and Publicly Intoxicated

"Perfect example of the buddy system failing"

10/21 Wheelock-Underage Drinking

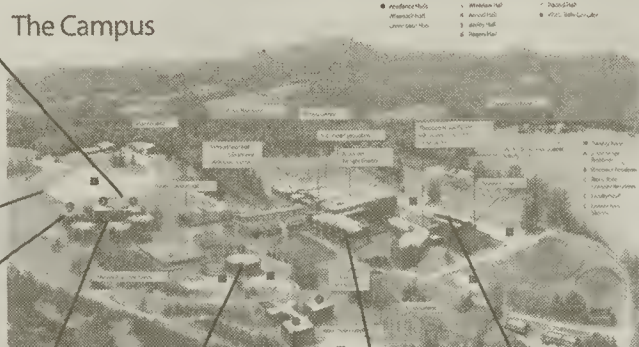
"I've been drinking since I could drink from a bottle..."

10/23 Rita Bole-Possible Attempt of Suicide

10/25 ASAC 3rd Floor-Large Piece Metal Falls
"The SKY is falling! THE SKY IS FALLING!"

10/24 Science Wing-Medical

"What chemical is this? I can't... see... My legs are..."



Testimonial of a student who participated in last year's event:

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Mark Beattie, Chief Human Resources & Corporate Compliance Officer, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

Hannah Collins, Marketing Manager, Burke Mountain

Frank Cuccia, General Manager, Fastenal

BettyAnn Gwatkin, VP of Human Resources, Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital

Tony Higgs, Operations Manager, Quest Transportation

Tammy Knights, Youth In Transition Facilitator, Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

Pauline Mazzotta, Freelance Graphic Designer and LSC Visual Arts Dept. Part-Time

Tami Pitman, Staffing Specialist, Prudential Retirement

Andy Smith, Broker/Owner, Peabody & Smith Realty

Martha Wilkins, Lyndonville Branch Manager, Union Bank

Joe Fox, Director of Recreational Programs, St. Johnsbury Academy

Adam Vigue, Food Services Manager, Aramark

New Baseball Coach No Stranger to LSC

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

LSC's newest coach is the right man for the job.

Edward Poland, recently named the head coach of the Baseball team here at Lyndon State College, is off to a great start.

Poland's most recent coaching job was at Saint Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont. Before that, Poland had coached at Essex Junction High School

for over twenty years.

"There's really a small fraternity of us up here coaching baseball in Vermont," Poland said. "So when I heard that Coach Farely was stepping down, I was definitely interested in the job."

Although the season may be a few months away, Poland says he has already begun working on getting new members for the team.

"I've already been scouting and looking to recruit some

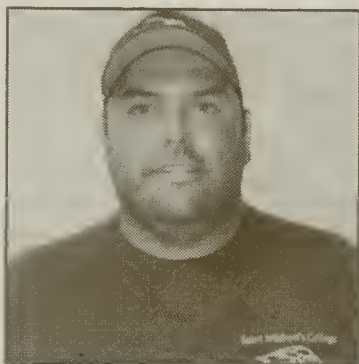


Photo by Lyndon Athletics
Coach Ed Poland looks to have a bounce back season for the team.

players for the team because I am really excited about it," said Poland.

Poland has a few simple ideas that he says he wants to implement with the team right away.

"We just need to play good, fundamental baseball," said Poland. "We have a lot of good pitchers on our staff returning, so we will look to add a few more to make it that much better."

Poland is confident in his team and this upcoming season. "We're going to be competitive this year, and we're going to

make the playoffs," said Poland. "once you're in the playoffs anything can happen, and so we'll see."

Not only is Poland confident, but he is also excited about the atmosphere the team will be playing in.

"LSC is headed in a great direction athletically," Poland said.

"Lyndon State has a great fan-base and community that supports their athletics, and I'm glad to be a part of this."

Hornets Soccer Makes Bee-Line for Playoffs

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

For the first time in the history of the North Atlantic Conference, Lyndon State College Women's Soccer will be hosting a home playoff game.

The Lady Hornets finished with a 9-7-1 record to secure the number-four seed in the NAC. Number-five seed New England College will travel to LSC for the NAC quarterfinal game, which is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Assistant Coach Shay Gestal thinks the team knows what it needs to do to make the NAC semifinals.

"The keys to winning this Saturday are finishing. That's been an issue for us all year. We're getting some good opportunities and we have to capitalize on them. Our defense has to be solid, as always, this weekend," Gestal said.

This game should be a flashback of sorts for the Lady Hornets, as they were able to beat New England College 2-1 in the regular season.

Midfielder/Forward Emily Strese, who finished fifth in the NAC with five assists, sees a team that is capable of winning it all.

"We've put in the long

hours and we've put in the hard work. If we come out playing like a team, like we can, it shouldn't be a problem. It's going to be tough, but we can definitely do it," Strese said.

Things are complicated, however, as the Lady Hornets will be missing Midfielder Michelle Wilcox (torn ACL) and Forward Sarah Cornell (dislocated left shoulder) for the game.

Men's Soccer

Back in Playoffs

Lyndon State's Men's Soccer team is ready to move on to the postseason.



Photo by Lyndon Athletics
The Men's Soccer team will look to make it back to the NAC Championship

Goal Keeper Jason Gray says that their record may not be impressive, but he believes in this year's squad.

"We had some ups-and-downs throughout the (regular) season, and it's kind of showing that our playoff position should be better than we actually are, but the competition is better this year than it has been," Gray said.

The team has battled through some tough injuries to key players this season. Gray said that he is optimistic that the team can come together and make a run at the championship

match again this year.

"We're getting better now, but now we just need to put it to the next level where we can capitalize on some goals," Gray said.

Gray has acknowledged that not just the team's play, but his as well needs to improve if they want to do well.

"I'm at the point where I got to show my team and myself that I deserve to be on the team and play at the highest level that I can," Gray said.

The Hornets will travel to Husson on Sunday, October 30th to play at 2:00 p.m.

The Legacy of Al

Alex Farnworth
John Kazar
Sports Columnists

Earlier this month, one of the biggest icons in American Football history passed away: Al Davis

Most of the younger football fans probably know Mr. Davis as the crazed Raider's owner who drafted players solely on their speed, but he brought much more to the table throughout his long career.

Davis' career started as the coach of the Adelphi College for one year in 1955. Then he went on to coach at The Citadel, Southern California and then the Los Angeles/ San Diego Chargers. In 1963 he became the head coach of the Oakland Raiders.

Davis brought that mean, rugged Brockton, Mass attitude (his hometown) all the way to the west coast. He brought a certain swagger to the AFL. Al

Davis was so highly respected that he was named commissioner of the American Football League 1966. Al Davis is part of the reason of why there is an NFL today; when he became commissioner of the AFL he was part of the agreement to merge with the NFL.

After the merger, Davis became manager and owner of the Raiders. Although in recent time some of Davis' decisions have been questionable, you cannot knock the man for what he has done. He lived by his motto "Just Win Baby" and that is what he did; assembling a team to win. In his career as the Raiders owner, he had been to 4 Super Bowls and only fell short in his last one (2002). In 1992 Al Davis was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame and he will be forever remembered as an NFL pioneer.

The Al Davis legacy continues for Raider Nation. The day after his passing the Raiders went out to win a dramatic and

emotional game over the Texans 25-20. After the game, Raiders current coach Hue Jackson spoke to his team. "Again guys, just a moment of silence. Al, we love you. We know that you're watching over this team. And we're gonna keep playing. We're gonna keep playing like Raiders for you. We're gonna keep honoring this man all year for all that he's done for us because he's touched every last one of us."

Davis left a legacy in Oakland and they are dedicating their season to him this year. They will be doing everything they can do to "just win baby."

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Virgo

August 23 -September 22
Your costume choice is not the best. Think about a better costume and go with that. You would have looked ridiculous with the one you were going to go with.

Libra

September 23 -October 22
Children will steal all the candy you will get, so there is no point for you to go trick-or-treating. Stay in and do your homework instead.

Scorpio

October 23 -November 21
You are great! Everything about you, your costume, and yourself is the greatest. People are jealous of how good you will look on Halloween.

Sagittarius

November 22 -December 21
You will be scared all night on Halloween. Someone will frighten you, and you will never recover. You will never be the

same on Halloween again.

Capricorn

December 22 -January 19
Go to the Dentist the day after Halloween. You will have six cavities and need a root canal, but since you catch it early it will be less painful. It will still hurt a good amount, but not as much as if you didn't get it checked.

Aquarius

January 20 -February 18
The time has come for you to stop trick-or-treating. Your too old. You have been too old for a while but no one wanted to say anything.

Pisces

February 19 -March 20
Don't party too hard; you have a lot of homework to catch up on. Don't forget about that test on Wednesday. It will be a doozy.

Aries

March 21 -April 19
Every house you go to, the owners will not be there. NO CANDY FOR YOU.

Taurus

April 20 -May 20
Watch out for the black cat or you will get scratched. Real bad.

Gemini

May 21 -June 20
Don't be a slut this weekend. In other words, you might want to get a new costume because everyone knows your costume now is WAY too slutty.

Cancer

June 21 -July 22
If you think that costume is scary, wait until you get the child support bill. Don't be a fool, wrap your tool.

Leo

July 23 -August 22
If you think you look ridiculous, you probably do. I would go take a look in the mirror.

I Screamed, But Not In Terror

Brittany Valentine

Co-Entertainment Editor

The Scream franchise is well known amongst horror movie fanatics. Ever since the release of the original scream in 1996, these movies have combined fear with a comic twist in a unique way. Scream 4 attempts to follow the path of its predecessors, while making a mark of its own. Unfortunately, this is no easy task.

Scream 4 carries follows through with the comedic trends of the previous films, but fails to "horrrify" as expected. The gore is present as expected, but the overly bloody murders don't always create chills on the viewers as it would in the 90's. Horror movies today need something more. They need a plot; they need a sense of realism in order to live up to the standards of today's cinema, and that is something that this film lacks.

It seems as though Scream 4 was dragged on and it simply should have ended at Scream 3. It's never a good sign when people are only laughing at a horror movie, instead of closing their eyes in fright. Usually a combination of the two—comic and horror—is what Scream movies bring to the table, but this time that certainly was not the case.

Sidney Prescott, returns to her hometown of Woodsboro, as a last stop on her book tour. She is now the author of memoirs, which she shares her experiences about all she has survived. She has had a decade of peace and has settled into her new lifestyle, but that all changes on her re-

turn to Woodsboro.

Sidney's book tour comes to an end, when she once again becomes a victim. This time her younger cousin, Jill, is also a target, who also happens to attend the same high school Sidney did. Things are becoming repetitive, and this time around, the killer is stalking Jill and her friends.

Sidney is reunited with Gale Weathers and Dewey Riley, who are now married. The three of them once again become a team and work together to try and figure out who is behind the murders this time around.

Though Scream 4 was a bit disappointing as far as being frightened, it did indeed have a good twist at the end of the movie. In all honesty, that was the only good part of the entire film. The movie ran almost 2 hours and I was not once scared or caught off guard. I honestly predicted what happened every time, with one exception. That one exception came at the end of the movie. I was disappointed that I had to wait 2 hours to get that surprise and thrill I was looking for.

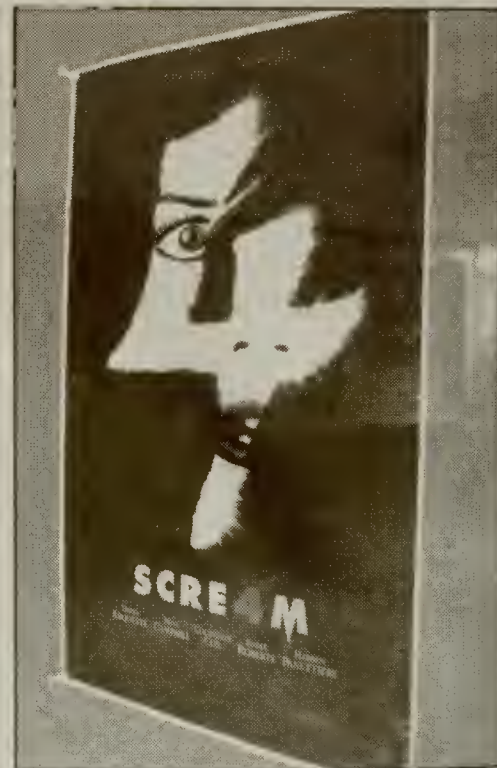


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The movie poster for "Scream 4".

Spooktacular Word Search

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Trick-or-Treating for the Young at Heart

Dana Berlin

Co-Entertainment Editor

Forget the days of people denying you candy simply because you are a little older than the rest, because no one is too old to go trick-or-treating here at Lyndon State College.

Monday, October 31st from 10 am to 4 pm, students may go around with trick-or-treat bag and collect treats from any office that has a "trick-or-treat" sign on the door. The event is sponsored by the Fun/Spirit committee at LSC.

Only students who have the "trick-or-treat" bags will be given the treats by faculty and staff. Bags can be picked up

in the third floor Copy Center of Vail anytime until the festivities begin on the 31st.

This is a great way to get free treats and have a great time on Halloween with all your friends. Students do not need to be dressed in a costume to receive the treats, but all the more fun if you are.

Members of the Fun/Spirit Committee include Katie Bouley, Tim Cappalli, Sara Christian O'Connor, Elaine Fournier, Gregory Ledoux, Sara Lussier, Darcie Miles, Harry Mueller, Belinda Plymak and Tracy Sherbrook.

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Lyndon Listed: 10 Sketchiest Spots

Dave Marks
Critic Correspondent

Everyone loves a list; top 10 places to live, top 10 most influential people, top 10 best albums of the year. Knowing this and looking to fulfill that love, journalist Dave Marks has ventured out to create some lists, lists that are based on Lyndon's Campus.

In light of Halloween, I thought it would be nice to do something related to the holiday. This week's Lyndon Listed category is: Top 10 sketchiest places on Lyndon's campus. We all know the term; it is used some-

times too much by people of our generation. As urban dictionary defines it: "creepy iffy, fairly unsafe, an air of uncertainty, not kosher, and something or someone that you don't want to be associated with".

So I set out to find what Lyndon thought was the sketchiest. I asked 76 students to give me their opinion on their top three. I took everyone's top three and I gave 3 points to #1, 2 points to #2 and 1 point to #3 on the list. After that I added up the results, and made the list. So ideally, if all participants agreed upon one location being the #1,

that place would score 228 points.

Another factor to take into consideration is that most of these places aren't that sketchy unless you go there at night. In fact most people that took this survey specified the area to be "at night". To Lyndon's credit, they have done a good job at making most places on campus not as creepy. With the addition of the LED lighting, and keeping places clean, it makes places not as "sketch".

First place (98pts) Everyone seems to agree upon one location, what is known as the "but hut" or as one student called it: "the smoking cigarette area in Stonehenge by the gazebo". But yes, I have to say that the school has done what they can to improve that area. Despite the school's effort, it will always be a little "sketchy" for the average person. Some weird things go on there at night, drinking, smoking weird things, and arrivals of drunken people being dropped off. All these reasons make it "sketch" and make it a hot spot for the public safety truck to check at night.

Second place (59 pts): the mailroom hallway. Part of the reason may be that everyone knows this hallway, and they all agree on it being not that appealing. It doesn't have any windows, its very bare, and it shrinks as you go from the mailroom to the stairs. And it leads to number three on the list.

Third place (52pts): The Vail elevator. I think the reason why people don't like this elevator is because first of all it smells all the time. No matter what maintenance does, I think there will always be that permanent smell of the ocean full of dead fish. If you have ever taken that elevator, you can also verify that it's one of the slowest elevators in the world, and often prompts the thought "will I make it to the next floor?"

The rest of the list was close. Number four was the 24 hour computer lab. Any place that is open 24 hours is going to have a hard time avoiding the term "sketchy." One cannot help to wonder what the person who puts themselves in the awkward corners is doing. The seven year old chairs can really creep someone out, as there seems to be a coat of dirt that is impossible to avoid if you want to sit.

Followed closely behind is

"behind the theater." Some may not have experienced this place as much as others, but I can personally testify for the creepy feel that place has given me (especially at night). If you haven't heard, there is a rumor that the place is haunted.

Sixth goes to behind the d-hall. It's not really a well lit area, and there's always some question of what is going on back there by the dumpsters. Seventh was Stonehenge in general. All eyes are on you when you walk through Stonehenge, but you don't really know who is watching you. Wrapping up the top 10 was "the woods", Outside WWLR and the mailroom and "stairs nobody uses across from the library."



Photo by Sierra Willenberg

A boot left on the roof of the sketchiest place on campus proves that it lives up to its new title.

RANK	PLACE	POINTS
1	The Butt Hut	98 pts
2	Mailroom Hallway	59pts
3	Vail Elevator	52 pts
4	24 Hour Lab	46 pts
5	Behind the Theater	45pts
6	Behind the Dining Hall	41pts
7	Stonehenge	40pts
8	The Woods	32pts
9	Outside WWLR+mailroom	30pts
10	Stairs across from Library	26pts

Source: 76 members of the Lyndon Campus surveyed

#1 = 3POINTS
#2 = 2 POINTS
#3 = 1 POINT

Ryan's Review: A Concert by Odd Future

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

In my 18 years of life so far, I can say I've been to a reasonable amount of concerts. Some louder than others, some rough, some not so rough, a dance party here or there, the basic things. Then, this past Friday, October 21, I took the trip down to Boston to go see Odd Future. I arrived to the venue at about 4 and there was already a line by the door. It wasn't anything too outrageous but there was a good amount of people. There wasn't much going on for a little while, the occasional glance from one of the members out of a window, the occasional flipping of the bird out of said window to the line, tour managers scurrying about, we even got to see two members, Jasper Dolphin and Taco, come out of the bus to do some work too. Then, at around 6, Tyler, the Creator showed up in a black Mercedes van. He flipped off the two beeping cars behind his van and stepped onto

the bus. The crowd went nuts. A few minutes later Tyler appeared again throwing a free hat into the street. The kid who got it literally dove for it onto the pavement. At around 6:30 we were let in and about an hour or so later the show started. Boy, did I not know what I had gotten into.

The set began with the group's dj Syd playing a really hardcore set of songs ranging from rap to dubstep. It was more of a sampling of songs though, it was a dj set for kids with ADD. The last song she played was an abbreviated version of "N****s in Paris" from Off the Throne which led into a fiery opening from members Left Brain and Hodgy Beats (aka Mellowhype). A few minutes later they were joined by Tyler. I have never seen a bigger rush of people run towards one spot. I was instantly swept away in the madness of it all, so much so, I needed a bouncer to pull me out of the crowd. The set continued, each member of the group

taking their turn with each song and absolutely killing it. Chants of "wolf gang", "swag", "free earl" among many others were abundant that night.

Tyler also happened upon a stuffed toy wizard that was thrown on stage by the crowd, he was deemed "Harold". "Harold" came to an untimely demise about 3/4 of the way through the show when Hodgy Beats ripped him open and threw him over the crowd, which caused a flurry of small styrofoam bits to fly all over the crowd. The songs that hit the hardest that night were a few of the Mellowhype tracks, Domo Genesis also killed on his songs, but nothing beat the energy and delivery of Tyler's songs. The ones that he demolished with were "French", "Sandwiches", and of course the crowd favorite "Yonkers". For the first 30 seconds of "Yonkers" Tyler didn't even have to say a word, he just had the audience recite the lyrics, it was epic. The biggest surprise came when they per-

formed a song that they literally thought everyone hated, "B****h Suck D**k". During this song, the crowd went crazy, strobe lights were flashing like they were going out of style, and Tyler even took a stage dive into the middle of the crowd. The chaos and fun that ensued with that song pretty much could sum up the whole show nutshell.

The show ended on a sentimental note with the almost ceremonial playing of the song "Earl" which is by Earl Sweatshirt, the only member who

can't tour because him mom won't let him until he turns 18. As I exited the Royale onto the streets of Boston I could still hear shouts of "Free Earl!" and "Wolf Gang!" ring through the air. I stayed a little while to see if I could meet a member or two and get a few words but it was to no avail. This concert is still one I will never forget. If you ever have an offer to go see and Odd Future show you would be crazy to pass it up. It will be one of the funnest nights of chaos you will ever experience.



Tyler the Creator busts mad rhymes.

Photo by Ryan Rutledge

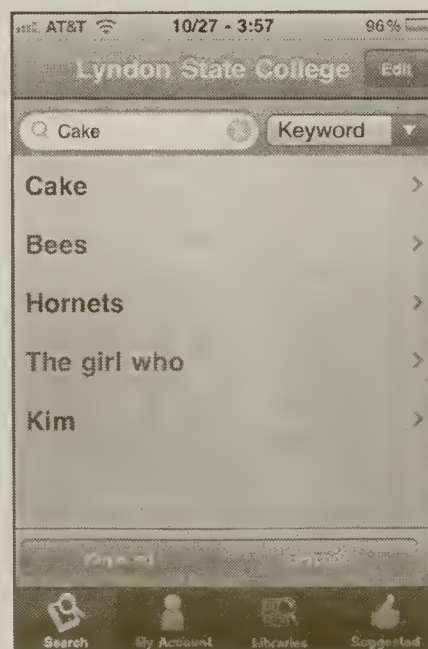
The Library in the Palm of your Hand

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

Library catalogues used to be recorded on index sized cards in large cases. Now they can be on your phone.

An app called BookMyne that can be downloaded for free to iPhones, iPads, and Android devices, now allows users to access the records that The Samuel Read Hall Library at LSC contains.

"It's a modest app," said Graham Sherriff, Public Services Librarian at Lyndon's library. "It's not bleeding edge technology, but for searching the catalogue, it does basic stuff extremely well."



A screenshot of the new library app.

All of the Vermont State College's library catalogues are available through BookMyne. Through this app, the title, author, publications details, call number, and availability of the item can be seen.

On this app, you can choose whichever library you are looking for material in, and then search for information by keyword, subject, title, or author. From there, you can view books, DVD's, CD's, audiobooks, and every other item that the library physically contains.

Sherriff says how even while working in the library, he finds this app to be more

convenient than going to a computer and logging on to the library website.

"On a computer it can be really inconvenient, on BookMyne it can be quick and easy," Sherriff says of his own experience with it. "The benefits are even greater for someone who isn't on campus."

This is one move toward technology, which is important for libraries.

"The long history of libraries has been a steady progression toward making information sources more accessible and convenient for users," said Sherriff. "Mobile technology is the way to do that. If this didn't exist, I would be asking why."

This app also has a "My

Account" tab, which shows you what books you have out, if you have any fines for overdue or lost material, and lets you place holds and renew items.

Another tab that it has in the app is "Suggested". This shows items that have won awards and the most popular items according to the New York Times bestseller lists.

You can also create a GoodReads account online, which can work with BookMyne. This tracks your reads, and suggests other books based on the books you have read. BookMyne works with this app to suggest books that you may like.

The Musings of a Freshman Dorm RA

Dan Weiner
Critic Correspondent

Being a freshman at Lyndon State can be hard, but being an RA in a freshman dorm can be harder.

An RA in a freshman dorm takes the opportunity to help improve first-year students' experiences on a daily basis. There is usually a lot more time put into making sure they have success as the freshmen are in an unfamiliar setting. After talking to an RA anonymously, it was

clear that their job in a freshman building is a bit different than in other dorms.

"The need of the [freshman] is greater than the need of the upperclassmen—you have to be more giving because they need more from you," the RA said.

Also, there is the factor that they may haven't lived away from home before, so living independently at a young age like 18 may cause problems.

"They can be immature, because they haven't become

adults yet—upperclassmen know the difference between right and wrong better than freshmen do," the RA said.

"The added stress of the immaturity, dealing with people who aren't as adult as you are, you have more issues, a lot more than an upperclassman building, which causes more stress"

There was a recent article in The Critic talking about the constant issue of alcohol violations. The RA noted this problem because the freshman

dorms are dry dorms.

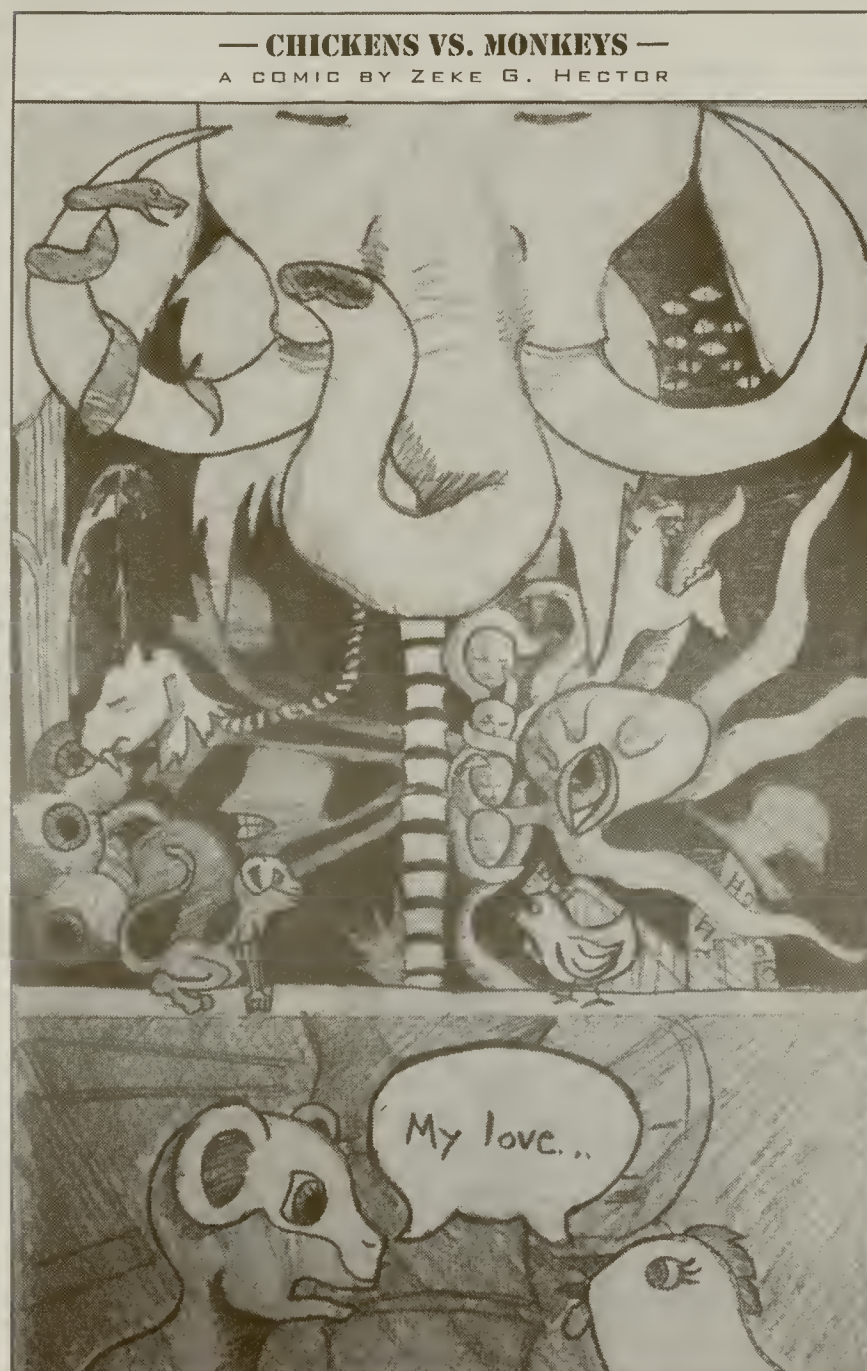
"Any alcohol as all is a violation, whereas at upperclassmen dorms the alcohol policies are different" the RA said. "There is the possibility to be more [violations], it's the immaturity factor that causes the most problems, not the alcohol or drugs."

But just because the job is difficult, the RA also enjoys the possible difficulties that may be associated with dealing with first year students.

"I like the challenge, I like to

be able to have more of an effect on the freshmen, where the upperclassmen don't need you as much, you don't have as much of an impact on them," The RA said. "You get a chance to help lives, and better people and help them get started in college"

Being an RA in a freshman dorm has its potential downsides, but if you're not busy busting kids with a 12 pack of Natural Ice, you could really have some positive, long-term effects on these young adults.



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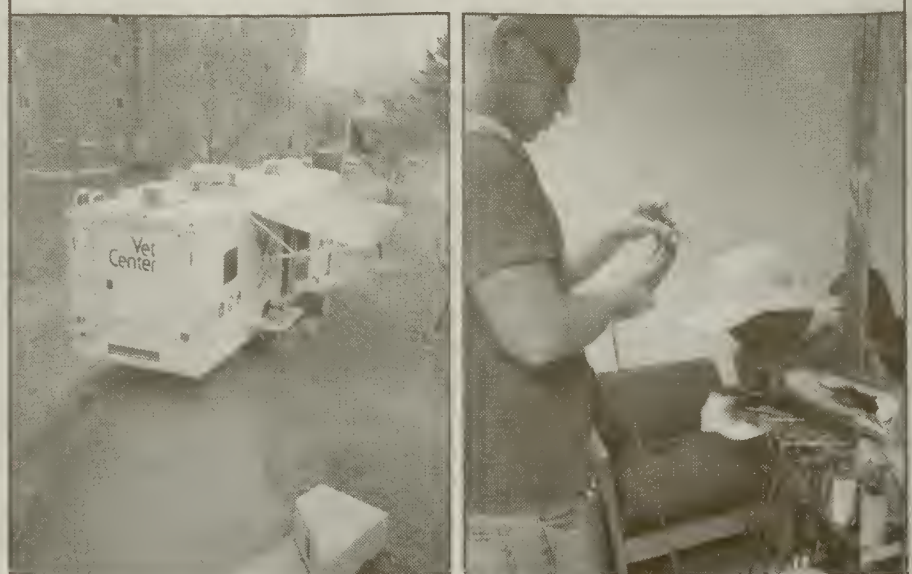
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Dueling Events



Photos by Sierra Willenburg

While 140 Lyndon State College students made "trucker hats" on Tuesday, the line to the visiting Mobile Vet Center didn't see many students. The Mobile Vet Center was on campus as part of the "Soldiers in the Classroom" event held by the LSC Veterans club in an effort to increase awareness about the unique struggles veteran students face.

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PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS GETTING TUNED OUT

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After much objection from those involved, administration has decided to take a new look at two classes that connect Lyndon State College to the surrounding community.

The community chorus and orchestra classes offered at LSC are not going away, but what is going to happen to them is still unclear. The options are to offer chorus and orchestra once a year, instead of once a semester, or to completely remove them as credit courses and pay the directors of the respective programs a stipend.

"Just because a program like chorus or orchestra is not available for credit in a given semester does not mean to me that it cannot be available," said LSC President Steve Gold in an e-mail. "In fact, I would support providing a stipend if necessary to the directors of both of these activities to support them being offered each semester."

Members of the programs see the changes differently after the recent discovery that the courses would not be offered next semester.

"I was going to take (chorus) next semester, but not getting credit for it and me being a senior trying to get all the credits that I can, it might be hard," said David Carmichael, a senior Television Studies major.

The orchestra's director, associate music and performing arts professor Elizabeth Norris, wants the courses to be taken more seriously.

"Our ensembles are not clubs and they are not extra-curricular activities," said Norris in an e-mail. "They are courses in which serious, college-level teaching and learning actually occur."

Chorus and orchestra are not required for a major, but that does not mean that they do not have a role within LSC and the surrounding community.

"I know it is a one credit class and some people might think of it as fluff, but it really does help us and help the community members make a base with Lyndon and it really is a way for students to take a break and sing and learn different pieces of music," said Jennifer Morin, a junior Electronic Journalism Arts major. "It really just helps us all."

The community, including LSC alumni, have heard about the issues surrounding these courses and have voiced their opinion on keeping them around.

"It's often the smallest things in life that make us the happiest," said LSC graduate and member of the chorus Timothy Ulrich, a full-time math teacher at Lyndon Institute and part-time faculty member at LSC. "And chorus is one of those things. Lyndon likes to pride itself on the fact that they are strong community members and the chorus and the orchestra are two integral parts where you make community connections."

The students enjoy the connections they make with members of the community in these courses.

"I've made friends who are much older than I am and I learned how to sing better working with them," said Carmichael.

XC HAS STRONG SHOWING IN NAC CHAMPIONSHIP



Photo by Mary Sloan

Men's Cross Country runners Kenedi Hall and Jimmy Bielli run for the finish line. See page 5 for the story.

"It really gives (students) the opportunity to meet with community members and that is something that you can't really do in a lot of classes here."

The chorus has been around for 21 years and currently has 18 students enrolled this semester while the orchestra has eight students and has been around for over five years.

Though the news may have come as a shock to the members of the courses; this change had been a year in the making.

"Within the department of music and performing arts they had come to the conclusion that those two things, chorus and orchestra, were only going to be offered once per year," said Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton. "One of them would be in the fall and one of

them would be in the spring for credit."

However, the impact on the community was not taken into consideration.

"Clearly there ought to have been given some alternative thought to if there is a way of sustaining this," she said. "Is there a way of maintaining this in those semesters when it's not being offered specifically as a credit bearing experience?"

The college's recent financial difficulties are the reason for the changes.

"We've had to make some very difficult decisions over the past couple of years because of the decreased funding that is available for our academic programs and for the college overall," said Dean of Institutional Advancement Bob Whittaker. "Un-

fortunately, we don't have the luxury any longer to offer as many of the courses as we would like to offer. At the same time, we are going to continue to find creative ways to be able to continue to keep this type of programming in place, if that is possible."

Cutting back on the arts is something that many at LSC would hope to avoid.

"I think the arts in all their forms are an extremely important part of liberal arts education environment and Lyndon is very much a liberal arts AND a professional studies college," said Gold.

Nothing is final regarding the future of these courses.

"I think they can plan on it for next fall unless something changes," said Dalton. "And stay tuned for the spring."

Campus Calendar

Sat. 11/5: Flag Football Tournament
Mon. 11/7: Monday Night Football in ASAC 100
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The Moral of the Story is The Moral is Wrong

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

The story of King Midas is told to every child. Midas, as you know, loved gold so much that he wanted to be able to turn anything into gold by touching it. Be careful what you wish for. Midas received that ability and looked forward to have more

gold than anyone else. Walt Disney took that idea—the love of gold—and created the character of Donald Duck's rich uncle, Scrooge McDuck. Uncle Scrooge had a swimming pool full of gold and delighted in diving into it and literally swimming in the stuff.

Swimming in gold may look like fun in a comic strip, but we

know that real aquatic fun comes from swimming in clear water. The legendary King Midas learned that you can get pretty hungry when your mouth-watering meal turns into sold gold the instant you touch it. Supposedly, the lesson to be learned from these stories is that greed is bad.

But that is not true at all. Every successful man or woman is greedy. Greedy for good grades in school. Greedy for success in a profession. Greedy for the best life possible for their loved ones. The saintly Mother Theresa was greedy for saved souls.

The real lesson is that money, in the form of gold or otherwise is just a medium of exchange and has value only in terms of what you can do with it. We all know that, but somehow we keep forgetting. One of the more controversial problems we face is how to best provide quality health care to everyone who needs it.

We had such a system once. Medical care was affordable, doctors spent time with their patients, hospitals were non-profit, and no one was asked to provide proof of insurance before treatment in emergency rooms. There was a downside. There were no billionaire executives running giant managed care enterprises and those that headed large pharmaceutical firms had to be satisfied to be merely rich rather than super rich.

Employees of midsize to large corporations typically had insurance that covered major medical costs and no one thought to demand coverage that paid for a doctor's \$5 house call. Well that's all history. The medical field is filled with highly profitable enterprises. Doctors now head teams of "practitioners" and rarely know much about a patient's medical history. They can look that up on their tablet computer during the five minutes or so they spend with the patient. The old prescription pad with its scribbled Latin notes is gone. Doctors have no time to write prescriptions. That's done by their staff, based on computer data.

Pharmacists have changed too. No longer required to compound medications from basic ingredients, they simply fill and label pill bottles. That gives them more time to catch the all-too-common mistakes on prescriptions printed out by

medical staff personnel. They also back up the drug enforcement guys by helping to catch those buying more painkillers than their doctors knowingly prescribed.

Something is terribly wrong with the business of medical care, but undoing that might be a bit complex. Not only that, but the companies profiting most from the current mess are those that give the most money to elected officials to help keep them in office.

The politically acceptable solution is to take the outrageous costs and exorbitant profits in the medical field as a given and limit debate to how to pay for it. A key part of the current plan is to make health insurance mandatory. This of course, will create a bonanza for the health insurance industry. Young, healthy people are the least likely to pay large premiums for health insurance. Now they'll be forced to.

The point is that when you have a system that is in trouble, first try to fix it. Only when you know how to fix it should you be looking for more funds.

Closely linked to the so-called healthcare crisis is the issue of rights. You've seen the posters: "Healthcare is a human right."

Once upon a time humans had the right to do anything that did not injure others and of course nothing that interfered with the identical rights of others. We know that unlike monkeys, tigers, and frogs, humans need property to survive. So logically, rights over things we produce are basic to the survival of human beings.

But those rights are quickly becoming a thing of the past. In New York City, a young woman recently spent two nights in jail for the crime of not carrying her wallet. Did you ever see those black and white movies of the forties, where Nazi officers would board trains and demand "papers" from passengers. No papers could mean imprisonment or death. We thought that could never happen here.

But for a time after World War II, we had offenses like "failure to give a good account of yourself" or "no visible means of support." Some of these cases ended up in court and for a long time we were proud to be free Americans once more. We could even cross the borders of friendly nations with no more difficulty than entering California from Nevada. We had real rights.

Somewhere along the line,

that changed. Now we no longer have a guarantee of basic rights. In their place we enjoy new rights. If medical care is a human right then so must be food, clothing, and shelter.

Once the necessities of life were shared with the deprived out of a sense of justice and generosity. Think of all the charitable foundations bearing the names of the so-called "robber barons" of the past.

Now we assume that no one helps anyone else unless forced to by law. The assumption is that no one is responsible for his neighbor because that's the government's job. And then there is the idea that accepting help from a friend or neighbor is degrading, but receiving the same assistance from neighbors who have been forced to cough up the money by the government, which then passes on help extracted by force is not degrading but is a human right.

Education is, of course, a basic right with a catch; to enjoy that right, most of us must assume a lifetime of debt.

Today schooling is the only kind of education that carries any weight. My own father started out as a low-paid turret lathe operator. Then he bought a book called "Blueprint Reading Made Easy." Next, working as a detailer, someone who produced mechanical drawings of simple parts, he developed the skills of a full-fledged draftsman who could produce drawings of complex machinery. Finally he developed the skill needed to design machinery. All this with only a high school diploma.

If you've ever gone bowling, the pins you knock over are reset by a machine which is the direct descendant of the first pin setting machine that Dad helped to design. Today, such a job is only available to those available to those willing to assume tens of thousands of dollars in debt to acquire the documentation necessary to meet employer requirements.

Employers like this system. In the old days they had to make judgments about the skills and potential of the men and women they hired. That's a tough job. Now they can slough off that responsibility to a human resource department headed by someone with a human resource degree that supposedly qualifies them to hire engineers and scientists while knowing little or nothing of science and engineering themselves.

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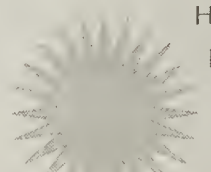
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*Angry Ani Speaks Out:**Secrets and Surprises — Keep 'em to yourself!*

Yo bitches! It's Friday! Or whatever day you decided to pick up the paper and read my article... I hope you all enjoyed me putting Dan WEINER, or should I say, "DJ CHROME," in a headlock last week. Also, I don't know if he purposely did this to piss me off, or he's just ten times the tool I thought he was before, but his new Facebook picture is him, in a mirror, with his trucker hat on, snapping a picture of himself in a Stonehenge communal bathroom mirror, and to top it all off, what is written like a two-year-old's signature in the corner? DJ CHROME.

Hey WEINER, you make me angry. Anyway... People I don't know, who give out way too much information make me angry. Have you ever had that friend who you met for the first time and within five minutes into your first conversation they were telling you about their record for how many times they've gone to the bathroom in a day, their last sexual experience, or how well their anger management classes are going?

Me neither. Why? Probably because if you tell me these intimate details about yourself within our first real interaction,

I, like a large majority of other people, would be sketched out; therefore that friendship will probably be ruled out. This happens in my classes too, we'll be talking about females in general, and next thing you know, a girl whose name I don't even know is letting the rest of the students know that her last UTI felt like she was peeing out razorblades!?!? REALLY? I did NOT need to know that. I'm all about being open, but there is DEFINITELY a line that should not be crossed so soon.

Here's a good one: Girls that take pictures of themselves on the toilet and then post them on Facebook make me freaking livid. WHY!? I REALLY JUST WANT TO KNOWWHYYY!? I mean I think about this and it's like, you dress like a skank, therefore you're probably trying to attract some guys. Correct? Well what the hell is so freaking attractive about you sitting on a toilet seat, drunk, and with your pants down?! It's repulsive, in the slutty sense and the documentation-of -expelling-your-waste sense. And it makes me angry.

Loud cars make me angry. Now I'm not talking about shanky-ass vehicles that are

about to fall apart. No. I'm talking about legitimate newer vehicles that toolbags purposely take the mufflers off to make them loud. If people wanted to hear your car coming from a mile away, the muffler never would have been invented you dumbass. It's obnoxious. You're not Vin Diesel, so put your muffler back on. Thanks!

And finally, surprises. Surprises piss me off. Whether it's gifts, or news, or quizzes, or parties, they all make me angry if there is an element of surprise. First of all, if you're SURPRISED that your FRIENDS throw you a party for a special occasion, you must have some pretty shanky friends. You know what else I can't stand? When people are like, "I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!" and you're like, "WHAT!? TELL ME!" Then, they're all, "Oh no I can't tell you because then it wouldn't be a surprise!" REALLY? You're going to make me aware of the surprise, then NOT surprise me, until later, when you decide to SURPRISE me WITH A SURPRISE? I freaking hate that. Surprises, and everything that comes along with surprises make me angry.



Oh, the Horror!

Photo by Sierra Willenburg

So there you go bitches, all angry this week. Until next time, I'm Ani, and I'm angry.

*What the Funk is Going On?**Five Weeks into a Semester, Gimme a Break. Give us all a Break*

Well friends, it's Friday. We've all made it through another insane week and have inched ever closer to the glorious finish line that is the end of the semester. I'll be honest with you, when I wrote this column I was slightly intoxicated and running dangerously low on sleep. The booze was the only medicine I had to alleviate the pain I felt radiating from the knee injury I sustained earlier this week, working a 16-hour Flamenco show. A 21-hour show if you count the previous nights work as well. I also was already slightly behind on my deadline of getting it done. And in case you were too captivated by last week's front page story about Ski and Ride, you may not have noticed that "What the Funk" was MIA last week. I bring all this up not because I'm looking for pity or trying to get away with writing a sloppy, hastily written column. I bring it up to make a very clear point...I AM BURNT OUT! In fact we are all burnt out. I know this to be true because my friends and acquaintances tell me this

daily, in fact hourly.

Some of you may already be aware of this, but many institutions of higher learning across the nation as well as our fine state have what is unofficially known as a "suicide week". This usually manifests itself a weeklong vacation about five weeks into the semester. This policy has often been implemented only after a tragedy such as a suicide occurs on campus. Some colleges report very high suicide rates, especially in the fall semester. I don't think such a tragedy should have to unfold on our campus for LSC to adopt a similar model. I look around at all of you and I see the toll the endless weeks without a break takes on your bodies and minds. Kids are turning into zombies on campus. Sleep deprived and overworked many of us have reached a breaking point. It's easy to say that it's our own fault. That

we DON'T NEED to take on all these extra-curricular activities. But the sad truth is that we do. Just going to classes and doing the homework is not enough these days. If any of us hope to survive and thrive when we graduate, we are expected to take on extra responsibilities to show that we are ahead of the curve. I mean what the funk is going on society?

An extra break during the middle of the semester would help immensely. It doesn't even have to be a weeklong break! Even a five-day weekend would be a welcome change.

come change.

Our system seems to demand us to be overworked. A respite is necessary for all of us. I doubt any of you reading this would disagree with me on this. The question now is how do we get this policy implemented? Perhaps we need to petition the administration to make a week available for us to relax, recover, and come back ready to work even harder. With any luck we can implement this change soon, before we all completely fizzle out.

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To Russia With Love

Morgan Forester
Critic Staff

Alexandre Strokhanov, professor of social science and history at Lyndon State College, is proud to announce the release of *Power and Management in the Contemporary Russian City*, a new Russian book on town governance. Strokhanov is part of the Editorial College for the book and is also responsible for the first chapter of the book dedicated to the municipal government and management employed in Vermont. For this chapter Strokhanov asked fellow faculty members to write essays conveying varying aspects of how Vermont does local governing.

Four members of LSC faculty, Mariann Bertolini, Jon Fitch, David Plazek, as well as Strokhanov, have essays in the opening chapter. Strokhanov also collaborated with former Secretary of State, Deborah

Markowitz, for an essay entitled "Municipal Management in Vermont: Basic Principles and Legal Foundations." Margaret Darrow, professor of history at Dartmouth College, also wrote for this chapter.

As well as writing for the new book, Strokhanov took on the challenge of translating his peers' essays into Russian as the book is only published in Russian by Perm National Research Polytechnic University's publishing house. It will be read primarily in Russia as it is really an opportunity to share Vermont's ideas and practices for local governance with Russia.

"I believe that countries should share their experiences and accomplishments. It will be quite interesting for them to see how things are done in Vermont," says Strokhanov.

According to Strokhanov there is talk of creating a copy in English. However it is unsure if it would be an exact translation

or an English version looking specifically at Vermont.

The contributing members of the chapter, Bertolini, Darrow, Fitch, Markowitz, and Plazek, were all eager to write essays for the book.

"They were so excited, I didn't need to push anybody to write because they work in that field," says Strokhanov.

Bertolini spent over 30 years in the field of education so when Strokhanov asked her to write an article on management and governance in Vermont schools she wrote an essay that focuses on "management structures, challenges and rewards, especially in the rural Vermont."

Plazek teaches a course on Town Meeting, a tradition in



Contributors to "Power and Management in the Contemporary Russian City." Photos supplied by Lyndon State College

Vermont government. He was "happy to oblige" when Strokhanov proposed an essay on Vermont's Town Meetings.

"It is also a pleasure to share the Vermont town meeting experience with people on the other side of the world," says

Plazek.

Thanks to his contributing authors, the chapter on Vermont governance that Strokhanov was responsible for is now the first 74 pages of *Power and Management in the Contemporary Russian City*.

President's Corner: Club Life

Nick Russo
SGA President

Are you satisfied with the food on campus? Do you want to help with green initiatives? Want to make general improvements to student life or residence halls? Do you have feedback about information technology issues on campus?

Now is your chance to make your voice heard! The LSC Student Government Association has created five internal committees that exist to improve student life. Each committee serves a unique purpose, and committees are open to all LSC students. Committee meeting times will be posted on the SGA facebook

page (facebook.com/lyndonsga) and the SGA website (www.lyndonsga.com).

The food services committee addresses issues related to the Stevens Dining Hall and Hornets nest. Aramark's LSC food service director usually attends these meetings to hear feedback from students and make changes if possible.

Sustainability committee focuses on conserving resources on campus and making the campus a more environmentally friendly place, and works in conjunction with the sustainability club.

The Campus Climate/Campus Improvements committee exists to serve a more general purpose: make life enjoyable for stu-

dents at LSC. Any and all improvement possibilities are up for discussion, and so is feedback of what life at LSC is really like for students. Why do students leave or consider leaving LSC? What can be done to improve the chances they stay? These are the types of questions this committee will try to answer.

The IT/communications committee works to improve information technology use on campus and works to promote SGA events and discussion among non-SGA members.

The Residence Hall committee/Health and Safety committee addresses life in the residence halls and health and safety concerns. These can include but are not limited to campus policies, program-

ming ideas, and other ways to improve on-campus living.

SGA committee members are listed on the SGA website. If you can't attend a meeting, you can email any one of them your thoughts or topics of discussion for their meeting.

Several new clubs have been formed this year, and there is increasing interest to start more new clubs. A Model United Nations club, an International Students Club, and a Hula Hooping club have all been officially recognized by the SGA so far this year.

I have heard positive feedback from many students who would be interested in starting an LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Transgender/Transsex-

ual) club on campus. A women's lacrosse club sport team is also gathering steam, and will likely be presented to the SGA for official recognition in early December.

To start a club, you need seven members including an executive board, a club advisor, and a constitution. After you have these items completed, you should send an email to Meghan Dolyak to ask to be placed on the next SGA meeting agenda for a vote to officially recognize the club.

If you are interested in joining any club, starting a club, or would like more information about them, please email me at nicholas.russo@lsc.vsc.edu and will help get more information.

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"Taking that pole. Tagging that."

10/30 Stonehenge Parking Lot-
Underage Drinking

"Have a juice box, bruh."

10/30 Stonehenge Parking
Lot-Marijuana & Alcohol

"Dude... Dude.... Dude... I'mmm Batman!"

The Campus





Photos by Mary Sloan

The Lyndon State Men's Cross Country team braved the elements on Sunday to claim second place in NAC Championship.

Men Come Up Short for Fourth Straight Women Have Strong Showing in Fourth

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Homefield advantage is not always the key to victory.

The men's and women's cross country team came up short at the North Atlantic Conference Championship Race.

Only three points separated the first place New England College and second place Lyndon State College once the race was all set and done.

"We had the tools and the runners to win this race," said junior runner Jimmy Bielli about the men's team.

On the bright side, Coach Chris Ummer sees a lot of positive things that came out of this race.

"We ran really well, and a lot of our runners had their best races of the season," Ummer said.

Ummer does not believe that weather played any part in the performances of the runners.

"Everyone ran under the same conditions," Ummer said. "You have to deal with the weather and course conditions, but everyone was out there under the same circumstances," Ummer said.

This year, Lyndon hosted the NAC Championship race.

"We know the ins and outs of this course. But at the same time, you can wake up later and roll out of bed and not prepare the same way that you would as if it were on the road, and that could hurt you," Bielli said.

Senior Mike Farmer finished first for the Hornets and third overall. Following Farmer was freshman Tyler Scheibenpflug who finished fifth overall. Junior Josh Grant, junior Joe Kill, junior Jimmy Bielli finished ninth, tenth, and eleventh respectively.

Farmer and Scheibenpflug received All-

NAC First Team honors. Grant, Kill, and Bielli received All-NAC Honors along with senior Wildens Fils, sophomore Kenedi Hall, and senior Craig Johnson.

The women's cross country team finished their season strong and many runners had their best race of the season.

Junior Gabrielle Mathewson gave it her all for this race.

"It was definitely one of my best races all season," Mathewson said.

Ummer was very proud of the way the team raced.

"This was their best performance of the season as a team," Ummer said.

Mathewson was glad the team got to run at home this year, because of the advantage of knowing the course.

"It really makes a big difference to know every part of the course," Mathewson said. "Knowing every root, branch, and part of the course can save you time from falling or slowing down, so it was a big advantage to us."

Mathewson said that this race is now behind the team and they are looking forward to the next race, which is the Eastern Conference Athletic Championship race.

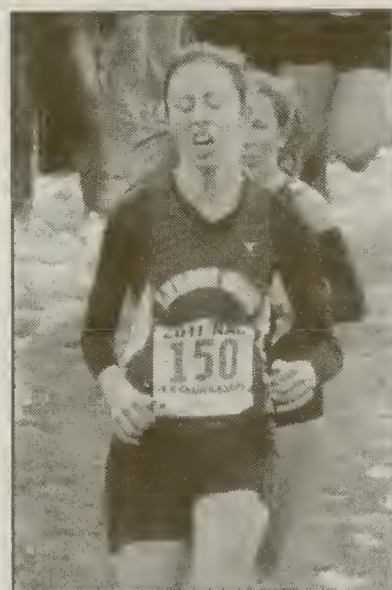
"We are going to try and use the ECAC race as a warm up for the NCAA regionals," Mathewson said.

Senior Allyne O'Hearn finished first for the women. Followed by O'Hearn was junior Cassie Tricou, sophomore Ani Pytlewski, senior Holly Reed, and junior Leah Morgan who all finished eleventh, fourteenth, twenty-seventh and twenty-ninth respectively.

For the women's team, O'Hearn, Tricou, and Pytlewski all earned All-NAC Second Team Honors.



Alexander Williams races past the finish line.



O'Hearn grinded it out to earn the top spot on team Lyndon.



Scheibenpflug finished fifth in the race.

UPCOMING RACES:

ECAC Championship Race, Sat, Nov. 5 at Williams College.
NCAA Regional Championship Race, Sat, Nov. 12 at Bowdoin College.

Ryan's Review: "Dream Chaser" by Duk

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

It seems recently, at least to what I've noticed, there's been a huge influx of rappers trying to break onto the scene and this seems to be the case with Duk (pronounced Duke for those who are like me and thought it was pronounced "duck"). You may or may not know this but Duk is, in fact, a student here at LSC. It seems I may be late on the scene with this, being a freshman and all but in the last year Duk released his first mixtape, Dream Chaser. So, as an introduction, how does this album hold up?(Let me start off by saying that the version of the album I listened to was the "unmastered" version of it so what I'm hearing is not the final product and could be very different from what I've listened to for this review so with that said, lets dive in.)

Now, I like to think I'm totally honest with my reviews so I have to start off saying that in my opinion, this album sounds a bit pop generic. What I mean by that is that it sounds a good amount like what I'm always

hearing in the club and the radio and that's not necessarily a bad thing, but it's not good either. The bad part about it is that when you sound like what's out there it's harder to get noticed or grab the attention of people right away, you won't grab people's attention right away. That being said, the good side of it is that people used to music like this are almost bound to like it. Most of the songs do have a nice danceable beat to them even if they sound a bit generic.

A pretty big plus on this mixtape is Duk's flow. It sounds like he's been doing this for a while and it works. One song that showcases this is the title track "Dream Chaser". It's got a really mellow vibe to it, and Duk just sounds like a natural in this song. Another highlight of this mixtape are Duk's freestyles. They're another really great showcase of his flow and style, again he sounds straight up professional on these, it sounds like he could indeed take on anyone. There are a few more songs here and there that work, such as "Cypher" (featuring A-Skillz) for one which showcases both rappers well.

The downsides to this mixtape are things that can easily be improved upon with more practice and experience. Duk's lyrics are hit and miss on this album. On some tracks such as his freestyles he can hit really hard and it's really enjoyable. But on songs like "Camera Phone" and "How You Doin Girl" I'm honestly just turned off by the lyrics. It sounds just like "typical" rap it's just bland stuff. Also, I just have to bring up the beats again, Duk needs to get better beats for his songs. While they can be enjoyable, it's the same stuff I've heard a million times over. Maybe my standards are a bit high but I want something to "wow" me and these beats just aren't doing it for me. He can hit hard, he needs beats that can keep up.

Overall, the mixtape is a lukewarm introduction for Duk. I can see him doing bigger things in the future if he just keeps producing and moving forward with his music. It's like the old saying goes, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice". I feel like Duk has some real potential, it's just all a matter of pushing himself.

6/10

Tracks you'll like: All of the freestyles, "Dream Chaser", and "Cypher"

Tracks you can skip: "Camera Phone" "How You Doin' Girl" "Tie Me Down (Remix)"

Track of the Week: "Retarded Fren" by DOOM, Thom Yorke and Johnny Greenwood

For me, this is collaboration straight from the music

gods. DOOM is a master lyricist who crafts his words like a blacksmith a crafts a fine sword. Throw in a backing track from two prominent members of one of the greatest acts of all time, Radiohead, and you have musical magic. As unfortunately named as this track is I cannot recommend it enough. Listen and love it.



True Monti

Lyndon Listed: Most Attended CAB Events

Dave Marks
Critic Correspondent

This week's list takes a look at the most attended Campus Activity Board events in 2011. Every event has a CAB member sitting at the door with a silver clicker counter, counting bodies as they enter. When the numbers get over 150 it becomes hard to count for some events. So keeping that in mind, some numbers may be give or take 10-15 people.

The full time student at Lyndon pays \$113 every year for student activities. Half of that goes to the Student Government general fund, and from there is allocated to clubs and other activities. The other half of the student activity fee goes to CAB. Any LSC student can attend CAB events for free.

CAB president Brian Stone think that "it's a shame," when students don't want to attend certain CAB events. "We do offer a lot of different types of events, so that everyone can find something they enjoy."

One thing people do make it out to is the "insomnia bowl." Students had the option to use a free shuttle offered from campus to the Gold Crown Lanes bowling alley in St. Johnsbury. It drew just over 200 people in October, and in January attendance reached about 175.

However, bowling isn't the top draw at Lyndon. This year, CAB had an even that blew recent attendance records out of the water. A smaller version of the Harlem Globe trotters, the Harlem Wizards, came to the Stannard Gymnasium to face off with The Hornets. The gym was

packed, and just before halftime, CAB lost count at 520 people.

CAB did something a little different for the Wizards, in that they advertised heavily.

"It was alumni weekend, and we advertised to the community, on [local radio station] Magic giving away tickets, and there were posters up in town," explained Stone.

After the Harlem Wizards, rounding out the top five are all novelty acts; A magician, comedian, ventriloquist, hypnotist. Part of the reason Stone thinks these events do so well is that they are rare. These are events that would be hard for a student to

find on their own.

"How often to you get to see these things? We bring things you can't find elsewhere." Stone explained.

Musical acts do not draw a crowd like these novelty acts do. Stone believes the reason is that music is easily accessible, "If people want to hear music they will go elsewhere."

Bus trips are also a hot CAB event. When CAB pays for busses and offers free rides to cities like Boston or New York City, over 100 people sign up. However, a bus can only hold 55

people, which in turn makes it not qualify for the top 10.

Project Dynamite is the next big thing scheduled by CAB. This event often draws 200-300 people wherever they go, and they come here on December 1. No events are scheduled yet for the spring semester, CAB will attend a conference in November to fill the calendar. The current calendar is available on the school Google events calendar, kiosks around school, on Facebook, and through the email sent out by CAB advisor Kayla Carlozzi.

Top 10 Highest Attended CAB Events

Rank	Event	Type	Attendance	Date(2011)
1	Harlem Wizards	Sports	500+	Sep 16
2	Peter Bole	Magician	262	Oct 29
3	Michael Harrison	Ventriloquist	216	Sep 8
4	Derek Hughes	Comedian	212	Jan 20
5	Don Barnhart	Hypnotist	209	Feb 3
6	Insomnia Bowl	Sports	206	Oct 22
7	Luck Bamboo	Giveaway	200	Nov 1
8	Ivan Pecel	Juggler	175+	Sep 1
	Goerge Watsky	Slam Poet		Oct 27
	Dave & Ethan	Comedy		Apr 28
	Plastik Musik	Music		May 5
9	Matt Franco	Comedy	160	Mar 3
10	License Plates	Giveaway	150	Sep 20

Halloween at LSC



Photo by Sierra Willenburg
Young Trick-or-Treaters in the entry-way of the Samuel Reed Library at LSC.

Over One Hundred Uses for ASAC 100

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

Academic & Student Activities Center 100 has proved its necessity.

The large multi-purpose room located at the end of ASAC is home to many meetings, classes, presentations and events. Student Government meets in ASAC 100, movies are shown there, and the room hosts cross-dressing dances that carry on until the wee hours of the morning.

This week will be no different when it comes to the busyness of ASAC 100. The Campus

Activities Board is putting on several events that students can take advantage of beginning today.

Bingo will take place in ASAC 100 tonight at 9 pm. Prizes will be available throughout the night and also a grand prize of a \$100 Visa gift card.

Junior Ashley Macauley says, "I can't wait for Bingo. I always used to play it as a kid; it's going to be so exciting. It will be like the old times." She goes on to say, "My favorite bingo game is blackout. Its time consuming and I love it." Blackout is the version of bingo where to win, the whole board must be covered.

Students may also take advantage of the Campus Activities Board movie series. This week's movie is Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows Part 2, and is playing Sunday November 6 in ASAC 100 at 6 pm. Next week, Friends With Benefits will be playing Tuesday November 8th at 9 pm, and Sunday November 13th at 6 pm, both in ASAC 100.

Katelyn Tibbits said "I love the school movies; they're free and that's really all that matters."

CAB is also showing Monday Night Football games every Monday until December 5th in ASAC 100. Monday, November 7th the Chicago Bears will be

playing the Philadelphia Eagles. The doors will open at 8 o'clock and the game starts at 8:30 pm.

Students can see any other events that CAB is putting on

by checking in at the office located by the Hornets' Nest, or logging into their school email and reading the email sent out by Kayla Carlozzi.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

ASAC 100, where many events will take place in the upcoming weeks.

Preview: Lend Me A Tenor

Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editor

Feeling stressed and overwhelmed with schoolwork?

In just a week you can take a break and go see the play "Lend Me a Tenor", performed by the Lyndon State Twilight Players, in the Alexander Twilight Theatre.

"It's that time of year that people need a laugh," says Dave Daly, a cast member in the play. He is confident that the play will be the amusing entertainment that everyone needs.

There will be five performances of the comedy. Opening night is Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Other show times include Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. and 7

p.m., and Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

With just about a week to go, the cast is looking prepared and confident.

The eight cast members, Dave Daly, Dan Haycock, Jake Machell, Rain Nissen-Reilly, Sarah Warren, Haley Marckres, Dan Rowe, and Samantha Knight have been working extremely hard for the past weeks. They are well prepared and have been rehearsing without a script for about two weeks now.

"We could do the show tonight if we had to," says Daly.

Aside from the cast members, Gianna Fregosi, the director, Naoh Fink, the assistant director, and Nora Barney, the stage manager, have all been working hard to make this play come together.

There were a few challenges that the cast faced throughout production of the play. The play is not a musical, so incorporating music has been a struggle. However, Jake Machell and Dan Haycock have worked together to learn a song that will be sung a cappella.

"Lend Me a Tenor" is a comedy that takes place in 1934. A well-known tenor, Tito Merelli, is scheduled to sing the lead part in a performance put on by the Cleveland Opera Company. Tito and his wife arrive at their hotel room and things begin to fall apart. Tito ends up overdosing on sleeping pills and is thought dead, but the show must go on. To find out what happens with Tito and the rest of the cast, come to the performance.



Photos by Samantha VanSchoick

Above: Dan Haycock (left) and Dave Daly rehearse for LSC's upcoming play Lend Me a Tenor

Right: Dan Haycock and Dave Daly perform

Far Right: Rain Nissen-Reilly and Dan Haycock on stage



Weekly Horoscopes

Scorpio

October 23- November 21

Take it easy this weekend. People are starting to get sick and you don't want that. Get extra sleep and hydrate.

Sagittarius

November 22- December 21

Feeling over loaded with work? Enjoy some time with your friends.

Capricorn

December 22- January 19

Your romantic life is going to take a fall if you don't take a step back. Get some space for a few days.

Aquarius

January 20- February 18

Buy a lottery ticket. Luck is definitely on your side this weekend!

Pisces

February 19- March 20

Whether it's getting a new haircut, buying new clothes or tying a new sport, it's time for change!

Aries

March 21- April 19

Don't start slacking now. The end of the semester is closer than it seems. Keep up with your work and stop skipping classes.

Taurus

April 20- May 20

Thanksgiving break is right around the corner. Let that be your motivation to work hard now.

Gemini

May 21- June 20

One of your good friends is going to start drama this weekend. Yelling will only make the situation worse.

Cancer

June 21- July 22

Snow will be here soon! Go buy ski and snowboard equipment.

Leo

July 23- August 22

Stop sitting in your room all week. There is plenty going on - CAB events, movies, sporting events. Get involved!

Virgo

August 23- September 22

Take a trip home for the weekend or go visit some old friends. It will relax you and prepare you for next week.

Libra

September 23- October 22

Be careful whom you share your secrets with.

Looking at Life Beyond the Degree

Erin Milne
Critic Correspondent

With the job market very tight, many LSC seniors are concerned about finding jobs after graduation.

"I'm extremely worried about being able to find a job, especially since I want to stay in this area, and options are very limited," said Danielle Drown, a senior social science major.

"I'm going for teaching, and I've been told the job market is very bad, so it is making me consider staying in school and going to grad school," said Chelsea Murray, a senior elementary education major.

Others are more optimistic about their job prospects.

"I'm fairly confident because of my degrees," said Lynsey Hartshorn, a senior who is double majoring in mathe-

tics and business.

Mariah Ogden, a senior psychology and human services major, said she is going to keep a job that began as an internship after she graduates.

Regardless of how students feel about finding a job, LSC Career Services is trying to keep them informed about career possibilities.

"I see my job as helping to mobilize students," said Linda Wacholder, director of Career Services. Career Services offers a number of workshops to teach students job-finding skills and connect them with employers. One recent example is "Speed Networking," which was held at LSC on Nov. 1 and featured a number of local employers. Students were given seven minutes with each employer, giving them the opportunity to learn about local

companies and receive advice on topics such as resume writing and interviewing.

Other events include "Dinner with the Boss," to be held March 15. This event allows LSC students to network with alumni who can help connect the students with potential jobs in their fields. In the spring, Wacholder teaches "Life Outside the Classroom," a 1-credit, second-half mini course for seniors that focuses on helping students write resumes, develop interviewing skills, and generally present themselves positively to potential employers. Wacholder also sends out e-mails to the student body when she becomes aware of job openings or internship opportunities that students may be interested in.

Wacholder also sends out surveys each year that ask recent graduates about their employment and graduate education. Of eight 2011 graduates who have returned the survey, 5 are employed.

LSC Career Ser-

ices is a member of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). NACE connects college career service departments with employers that generally hire recent college grads. According to a recent jobs outlook report by NACE, employers are planning to hire 9.5% more graduates from the class of 2012 than they did from the class of 2011.

Wacholder said that jobs are available to graduating seniors, though they may be harder to find and grads may have to start at a different level than the hoped to. She also stressed that seniors must actively look for jobs and



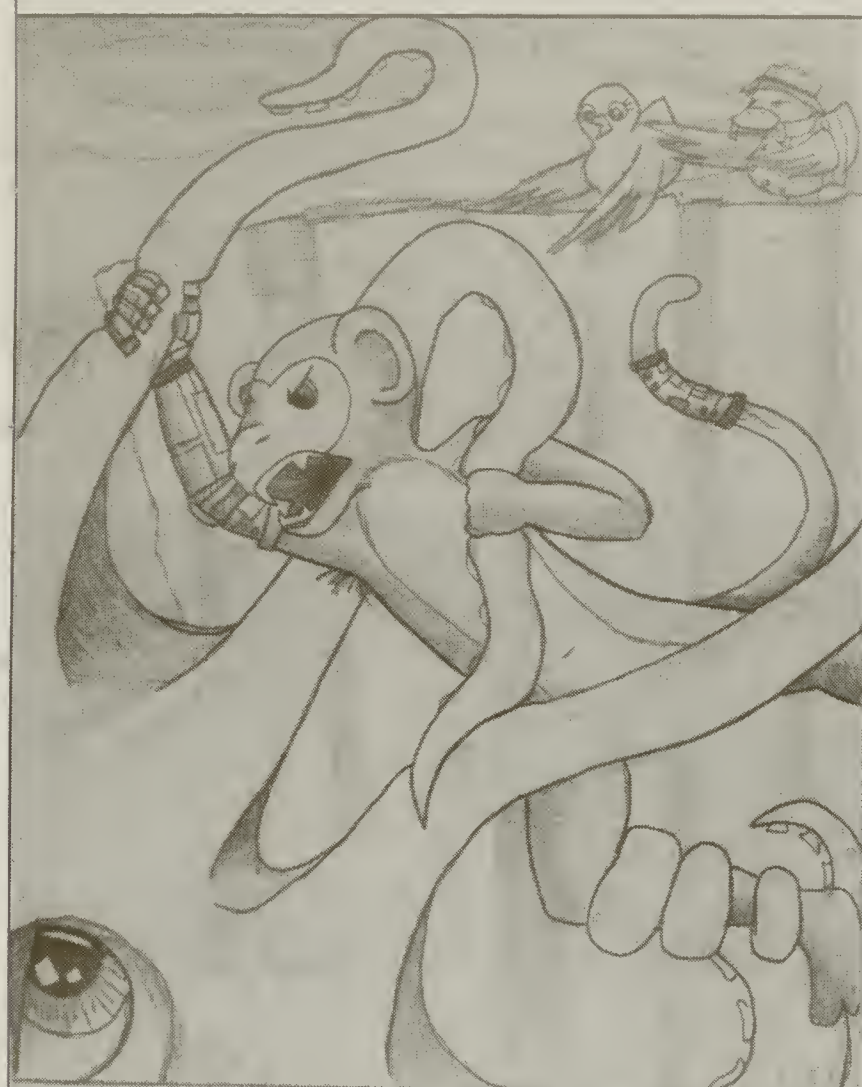
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Students attend Speed Networking event.

shouldn't be complacent just because they think they won't find one.

"There are jobs out there; it's just that you have competition," Wacholder said.

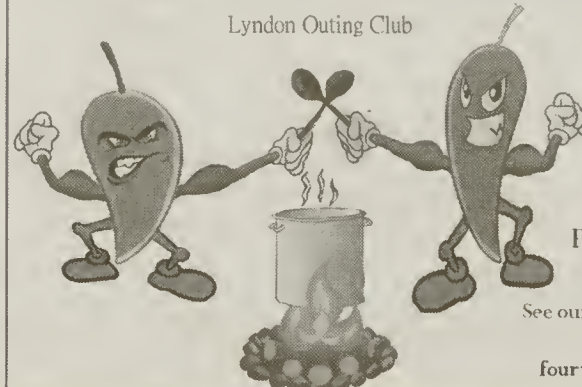
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Students Owe Billions

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

As our nation's student loan debt reaches one trillion dollars, there might be some hope when it comes to paying the loans back.

Starting in 2012, and affecting all students currently in college who have federal loans, President Obama has made an executive order that will lessen the burden of paying back student loans.

"If we lessen student loans, people will spend more money and that will boost the economy," says social science professor David Plazek of the new plan, which will include three parts, if Congress does not fight it.

The maximum required payment on these federal loans will be 10% of annual income, rather than the 15% that it is now.

The proposal includes loans being forgiven after 20 years of paying, instead of the current law, which is 25 years.

All federal loans will also be able to be put on one monthly bill instead of having a separate bill for each

separate loan. This will save students money because there is a maintenance fee for each loan, and this way there would only be one maintenance fee.

LSC senior Emma Shattuck, says that she thinks it's great that Obama is addressing the student loan debt, but thinks that his plan will not help the majority of students.

"The problem of student loan debt is still going to be largely unaddressed," says Shattuck.

Shattuck believes that since the salary to debt ratio that is still in place, the fact that students that have graduated before 2012 will not receive these benefits, and students that have defaulted loans will not qualify will deem this plan unhelpful.

Another student, junior Jeremy Schichtle, says as a student he finds this plan very appealing.

"With more people going to college and more job seekers having four year degrees the competition for finding a career is becoming increasingly difficult requiring more schooling to try and gain an upper hand," says Schichtle. "This re-

quires students to take out more loans while still striving for the same paying jobs."

While enrollment in colleges has been increasing, the amount of assistance the government has been giving students has been decreasing.

"It's the system that has done them [the students] in, not themselves," says Plazek. "Because after all, getting a college education is good for an individual and good for society... but we've become pretty short-sighted."

Plazek says that not supporting higher education financially and having people be in debt after college is a huge detractor from the economy. This is because the money that is being used to pay back loans could instead be helping boost the economy by spending it elsewhere.

"I think that education is one of the best investments that a country can make in its citizens," says Shattuck. "However, I also believe that students need to be realistic and responsible when managing their finances."

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DESTRUCTION LEADS TO SURVEILLANCE

Peter Nute
News Editor

On a chilly October morning, Lyndon State College Music Business and Industry freshman Dylan Frazier came out to the Stonehenge parking lot and immediately noticed the imprints of a size thirteen shoe in the side paneling of his car.

"There were kicks on every panel of the car," said Frazier. "A dent in the front left, one on each of the driver's side doors, even some footprints on the hood."

Knowing that other students had reported similar instances, Frazier contacted Public Safety.

"I talked to Public Safety. They had me file a report. They gave me the numbers to call if I wanted to talk to the State Troopers. But there wasn't really anything that could be done."

Public Safety assists students who have been affected by an act of vehicular vandalism by having them fill out an incident report, and then providing them with the number for the state police so they can file a report that can be given to an insurance company.

However, without a witness to the incident, a case such as Frazier's can be difficult to solve.

"In the case of vehicle vandalism, I'm going to say a major-

ity of the cases go unsolved," said Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis. "The best thing that happens out of it is that the student is able to get an official report for their insurance company."

The damage done to Frazier's car is not uncommon within the Stonehenge parking lot.

"We've had a number of instances in my five years that I've been here, and Stonehenge has been a problem right along. We thought with the new lights there would be less of a problem, but we still have problems there," said Director of Public Safety at LSC, George Hacking. "We've had damage to the parking lot; we've had damage to the butt hut. Does that mean that those who damage the butt hut also damaged cars? No. All I can tell you is that there is foolishness going on in both areas."

The butt hut has been moved from place to place and gone through a series of transformations since it was first placed on LSC property. At one time it had Plexiglas windows, railings to lean against, proper dispensers and receptacles in and around it. As time passed, the changes became significant

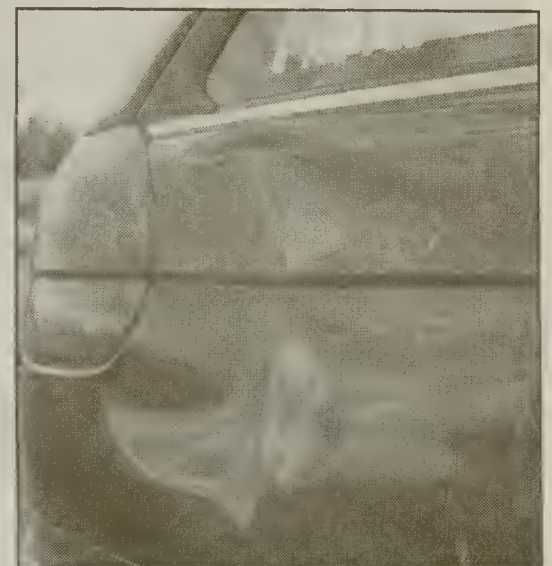
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Above: The 'Butt Hut' before (left) and after vandalism



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Below: Freshman Dylan Frazier's car was dented by vandals in the Stonehenge parking lot

SANTA FUND GETS PRESENT FROM SGA

Katelyn Zenie
Critic Correspondent

Children and families in the Caledonia county area will feel a little extra joy this holiday season thanks to a passing vote from members of the Student Government Association.

The SGA voted to donate \$2,500 to the Santa Fund, which is a fund that gives back to the community and helps disadvantaged families during the holiday months.

Former SGA president John Kleinhans proposed the fund at \$1,500, which has been the traditional amount given for the past

three years. After establishing a current surplus of about \$38,000 dollars in the general funding of the SGA, Torrance Gaucher, a junior studying Atmospheric Sciences, motioned to increase the donation to \$2,000.

In a separate motion by Daniel Weiner, an Electronic Journalism Arts sophomore, increased the donation to \$2,500. The vote to donate \$2,500 to the Santa Fund passed by a vote of 34 yes and four no.

"[Lyndon State] will be shown as a donor to the Santa Fund," Dan Weiner spoke positively about the vote. "There are obviously people who live in this

county who go to this school, and this reflects on us, showing that we do care about the community. I feel like this is a first step to integrate Lyndonville with Lyndon State."

Tim Olver, a global studies senior, echoes the sentiment.

"I see this as a good thing," he said. "There's a lot of things this school uses our money on that we don't see, at least this is going to a good cause."

John Kleinhans says that though the SGA has a three-year precedent lined up on donating to this cause, they normally expect opposition. Kleinhans and most of the SGA were pleasantly

surprised to see the positive reaction this year, but not everyone was satisfied with the donation.

Some students view the donation as negative because the fund comes from student activity fees and they believe that money should be used within the college.

"Spending \$2,500 of the students money on something that has no direct connection to campus is not only wrong but fiscally irresponsible," said Justin Chenette, a television studies junior. "When we can't keep our library open, still letting go an esteemed faculty member, etc, etc. There shouldn't be a blank check written to anything before student

input. Why the Santa fund? Were students ever asked which non profit they wanted to donate to if they wanted to at all?"

Jonathan Davis, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, wondered if there were other local charities that should be considered for donation.

"This is wonderful that people are motioning to up this donation," Davis said. "If there are other proposals through the year, as the general fund drops, we want to donate to other worthy causes. It seems like quite a sum for one particular holiday occurrence."

Campus Calendar

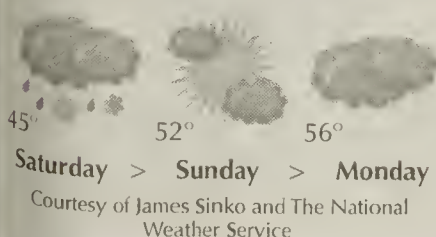
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The Discrimination We Don't Talk About

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Discrimination is an ugly word. People have rightly been angered when barred from social and recreational activities for the color of their skin, their age,

their sex, or who they choose to have sex with. No more painful, but far more damaging is discrimination that bars individuals from jobs they need to provide for themselves and their families.

Almost everyone agrees that discrimination is wrong.

Discrimination is not only wrong, it is very bad business. Remember that bumper sticker: "The best man for the job...is a woman"? That's not necessarily true, but when it is, the business that chooses the man over the more qualified woman is making a costly mistake.

None of the above is controversial; it's what just about everyone believes. But there is a particularly costly form of discrimination that is not just accepted, but is very strongly promoted by government, by industry, by human resource departments, by parents, and by politicians.

Remember what the Wizard of Oz told the Scarecrow: To paraphrase, he pointed out that many influential men were no smarter than the Scarecrow but they had what the Scarecrow did not—a diploma. Everywhere we hear the same story. If you want a good life, you must have a college degree. Whatever the cost, you must have a diploma. It may take years out of your life. It may leave you weighed down with 30 years of debt. Without the diploma, you are faced with a lifetime of McJobs, finally ending up as a Wal-Mart greeter with a supplementary income of food stamps and, if you are old enough, a pittance from Social Security.

Much of this is true. Employers look for diplomas on resumes and applications. Some even check to make sure the claim of a diploma is valid. And we have all heard the oft-told tale of successful business people who do a fine job and are praised by their colleagues

and superiors until, years later, fraudulent educational claims are found on their original application.

The result of course, is the destruction of that person's career. Not only are they summarily discharged, but no one is likely to hire them for a similar position again.

Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard and became an American success story. If he had dropped out for financial reasons and looked for a job would it have been smart to reject him and hire someone who managed to graduate?

What happened to the self-educated and self-made individual? Wasn't that an image that Americans were proud of? Andrew Carnegie came to America as a young boy and started on the road to success by working as an employee in American industry. Were the industrialists that gave him his chance fools for hiring and promoting him in preference to college-educated applicants.

There are countless examples. By today's standards, Ernest Hemingway would not be qualified to teach creative writing in an American high school. Neither would Samuel Clemens who said that he never let schooling interfere with his education.

Does all this mean that college is bad? Not at all. The benefits of living and learning in an environment where people are excited about knowledge and ideas are enormous. The problem is that we have changed our ideas about what universities are for. Instead of focusing on the learning experience, we focus on the acquisition of credentials.

The outside world responds to that shift in emphasis by judging us not by our knowledge and ability, but about the credentials we present.

So we convince the youth of America that they must somehow acquire a document at great expense and with considerable effort before they can do worthwhile work for others. Under this system, Andrew Carnegie would have been well advised to remain in Scotland.

Even if you want to live the academic life, years of study and a lifetime of debt is no guarantee. Do the math. Every PhD candidate must have an advisor who has previously gone through the process. If every PhD advisor had only one or two advisees who went on to earn their own PhD, we could think of it as a process of training replacements. But if an advisor works with many more candidates, how can there conceivably be academic positions for all of them?

The same applies at lower levels. If only a third of the jobs in America require an academic degree, how can we claim that most young people should go on to college? This mathematical absurdity is making its presence known as more and more college graduates are waiting tables or parking cars. College degrees may be acting as a filter for human resource departments. If you have a lot of applicants for a janitorial position, fill the position with a college graduate.

But many highly educated people, pushed into the job market by the current recession, have experienced rejection for *over qualification*. Sometimes you just can't win for losing.

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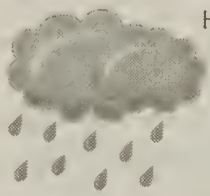
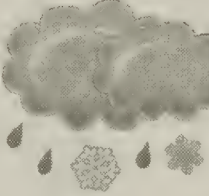
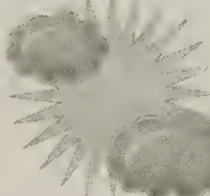
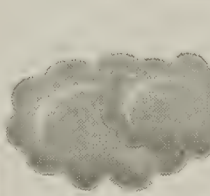
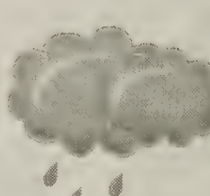
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Sincerely,
DJ CHROME
Daniel Weiner

*Editor's note:
Daniel Weiner gave his consent to have his name used in both of Angry Ani's articles.*

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Editorial: What it Means to be a Journalist

I feel the need to make people aware of what my job is as Editor of the Critic and a journalist.

According to *The Elements of Journalism* by Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel, a journalist's first obligation is to the truth. The truth might upset people who feel that an issue or situation may not be story worthy or too negative, but my obligation is not to pander to the opinion of others. While ethics and morals play a part in how something is covered, the truth is what matters. The truth is the truth.

A journalist's first loyalty is to the people. In this case, that would be the Lyndon State College community. If something is affecting the students, faculty, or staff then it should be brought to light so that the public can be made aware of what is going on. The people are who I am beholden to, not an individual or group who would rather not discuss something or have something covered because of their own feelings about a story.

The essence of journalism is that it is a discipline of verification. The responsibility of what the paper publishes, ultimately, falls on me, so I am going to do my best to make sure that what the paper says is accurate. Hearsay and rumors are not what I am in the business of publishing. Facts are checked and verified so that when the paper goes out on Friday, I am confident that what it says is accurate.

Mistakes happen and errors are made, but this is not done purposely and attempts are made to fix those mistakes when they arise. This is a student paper not the New York Times. My staff is doing the best that they can to put out this paper on top of being fulltime students. There are going to be spelling mistakes and other slips, but if there are any issues then please bring them to me and not one

of my staff.

Practitioners of journalism have a duty to maintain independence from those they cover. When I or one of my staff covers a story, we cover it from a neutral angle and try to get both sides heard. I will never try to make one side look worse than the other. It is up to the public to decide how to feel about a story.

A journalist is meant to serve as a monitor of power. I am meant to be a watchdog of those with power to make sure they are doing what they say and to keep them in check. Those with power like to say that "all the media does is dig up dirt." Well yes, that is part of our job. If there is no dirt to find then there should be nothing to worry about.

If there are any questions about this there are plenty of current and former journalists employed at this school and I am sure they would be happy to educate you on what a journalist is. My door is always open as well, Vail 203A next to the bookstore.

Thank you.

Eric Blaisdell

Editor of the Critic

Alarmed

Submitted by Tracy Sherbrook
Assistant to the Academic Dean

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LSC: Lovin 'Em Some Chili

The Fourth Annual Chili Cook-off was a great success

The Lyndon State College Mountain Recreation Management department, in conjunction with the Lyndon Outing Club would like to thank all sponsors, staff, judges, chefs, press, and attendees of the fourth annual chili cook off.

The Lyndon State College program planning class is proud to announce that the coordinators raised a total of \$840, which was donated to the Lyndon Outing Club.

The Outing Club and Lyndon State College would like to congratulate our chili chef winners: First place

was awarded to Max Robbins, second place and people's choice to Tyler Devaux, and third place to Becky Bliton.

Once again, we thank all of our sponsors, chefs, judges, DJ Dave Marks, and attendees for making the fourth annual chili cook off such a success. Keep your eyes open for the 5th annual chili cook off in 2012; we hope to see you all there again!

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President's Corner: Tis' the Season of Giving at LSC

Nick Russo
Student Body President

There are times during almost any leader's term that are tough; but there are also times that are truly inspiring.

I was witness to one of those inspiring moments at this week's Student Government Association meeting on Wednesday. In keeping with LSC SGA tradition, a request was made by John Kleinhans to give a donation of \$1,500 from the SGA General Fund (currently at \$35,677.80) to the Northeast Kingdom Santa Fund.

After thoughtful discussion,

the request was amended by the Student Investment Group representative to give the Santa Fund \$2,500. The motion to give \$2,500 to the Santa Fund passed by a nearly unanimous vote 34 to 4 vote.

The Santa Fund is an organization that has been in existence since the great depression and is dedicated to helping underprivileged Northeast Kingdom residents have an enjoyable holiday season by providing holiday meals and toys to families and young children.

Some may question whether student activity fee money

should be given to charities in the first place. I disagree, because who is to say that for Lyndon State College students, charitable giving is not a student activity?

I would like to take this moment to give a big thank you to all LSC students for their support of the Santa Fund. Your willingness to put the well-being of neighbors in need above your own desires gives me incredible hope for the future of our students.

On an unrelated note, I must say I agree with the "What the Funk" article published in

The Critic last week. I am ready for a break, and I have awesome news regarding next year's academic calendar for those of you who are equally as worn out right now.

Last fall, the SGA discussed the possibility of adding a second break. After hearing positive feedback from many students on the idea of a second break, we passed an official SGA resolution asking for a second fall break of 4 days or more. SGA members then spoke with faculty and administration, who listened with open ears, about the possibility.

Then early last June, I received an excellent email from Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis who informed me that in fall of 2012, there would be a second one week long break from October 8-12. I look forward to hearing more feedback from students about this change.

Until then, I wish everyone a great thanksgiving break. I have so much to be thankful for this thanksgiving. I have had the best two months of my life so far this semester, and look forward to many great months at LSC still to come.

Campus Vandalism continued from page 1

"The Plexiglas was destroyed. Some of the railings were destroyed. The graffiti started to appear. The cigarettes butts around it were in the thousands that were not thrown away properly," said Davis. Administration decided that moving the butt hut and lighting it up inside would be a good opportunity to see if things would change. Many have noticed that things have not changed.

"The same problems still exist. There's been vandalism to the structure itself. Someone destroyed all the remaining railings. Kicked out all the slates. It's now just a roof with some supports and a flat standing surface. The graffiti has increased. The lighting system inside has been vandalized," said Davis.

To prevent acts of vandalism, as well as increase safety for

students, faculty, and administration, the idea being kicked around is to place cameras in various spots throughout the Stonehenge and Vail parking lots.

"Various college emergencies that have taken place in the news and current events, like Virginia Tech and some others, have really put us all, higher education, on high alert in terms of the safety of the campus," said Davis. "We have swipe card security for residence halls. We have our public safety staff that's on duty all the time. We have an emergency alert system. One of the things we don't have is any kind of surveillance. We came to the conclusion that our goal would be to protect the entrances and exits to the campus first."

Last week members of the

administration, including Davis and Hacking, met with Signet, a company out of Massachusetts that LSC has a history with, and began a dialogue on what the college's objectives are when it comes to installing a network of cameras in the parking lots.

"We don't want to get junk," said Hacking. "Getting something that really isn't going to help you just to say that you have cameras isn't worth doing. If we're going to do it, we want to get something that we're going to be able to use and also something that the students will buy into. Once we have everybody's agreement that this is what we need, this is what we should be capturing with the camera, then hopefully we can go forward."

Ideally, the system the college is looking for would run a

series of cameras through the college's database without switching the system that is already in place.

"The system would have some recording capability which would be on the IT side, which would be storing high resolution images and video on a server," said Assistant Chief Technology Officer, Michael Dente. "Gone are the days it's on a magnetic tape; it's all on the server now. There would be some storage aspect to it. The cameras themselves would be on the network. They'd be running over fiber optics using IP (internet protocol) based cameras. They would run back through the network."

Having cameras could play a role in reducing acts of vandalism, like what has occurred at the butt hut and throughout the Stonehenge parking lot.

"It has been noted as a deterrent on some campuses, just to see a camera," Davis said on the role of cameras. "I think on several campuses there is evidence that cameras have assisted in finding a culprit, someone who is responsible for a crime."

LSC Administration plans on speaking with several companies about the possibility of cameras in the parking lots. Once this process is complete, the information will be compiled and presented to the college.

"It's going to be a campus discussion," said Davis. "We're going to bring it to student government and it's going to be taken to the faculty and staff. This will be discussed, as it has been a pretty involved discussion about this and how it is going to be used."

Public Safety Log

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"The colors Duke, the colors!"

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Men's Basketball on the Rebound

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

This season's edition of Lyndon State College's men's basketball team has some big shoes to fill.

The active roster contains nine players, and those players have to follow a team that had the second best record against North Atlantic Conference opponents (10-4) last season. The previous team lost the NAC Championship by a score of 84-74.

A 91-46 exhibition loss to Concordia on Sunday did not start the new Hornets off on the right track, but it was the first

game action that the team had seen this season.

Head Coach Joe Krupinski notes that it has been tough transitioning from the players that he had last season as opposed to this season.

"It's been a little slow. I would anticipate the preseason and the first few weeks honestly a little behind where we were last year, only because it's a whole new system and a whole new personnel," Krupinski said.

Not all players are completely new. The team will return two players, guard Ben Sackett and forward Jason Gray. However, the new personnel consists



Photo by Lyndon State Athletics

The Hornets expect big things from Asa Smith (12) in his freshman year. Of seven players, several of which are projected to start, freshman forward Asa Smith, wants the team to remember one word: defense.

One of those projected member one word: defense.

"Basically, I just want to make sure that we have a defensive presence. I think we have enough scorers to be effective in our conference, but defense wins championships," Smith said.

And if the team executes well, Smith thinks that the 2011-12 squad can win the NAC Championship.

"I think if we can keep our minds to it, we can win it," Smith said.

The Hornets will host their first game of the regular season against Western New England College on November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Halfway Heroes

John Kazar
Alex Farnworth
Critic Columnists

We are at the halfway mark of the 2011-2012 NFL season and at this point, teams are starting to get an idea of how the rest of their season can play out.

Last year's Super Bowl champions, the Green Bay Packers, have continued their hot streak this season by starting off 8-0 with outstanding play by their quarterback Aaron Rodgers, and additional players in an explosive offense. Other powerhouse teams in the National Football Conference include the New Orleans Saints (6-3) who are always a favorite to make a run in the conference, as well the New York Giants (6-2) who hold a favorable two-game

lead in the NFC East.

But this season also holds many surprises from teams and players. No one could have guessed that the Cincinnati Bengals (6-2) would be where they are now, especially with a rookie QB Andy Dalton under center.

Thanks to contributions from running back Fred Jackson and an established, veteran quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, the Buffalo Bills have managed to sustain a three-way tie in the American Football Conference Eastern Division.

The Detroit Lions, who have never won a super bowl, are finally in the midst of a promising year that could take them to their first playoff appearance since 1999.

We finally have seen a team

standout in the recently dismal NFC West division. The San Francisco 49ers have the second best record in the NFL at 7-1, and with their stifling defense, could possibly clinch their division by Thanksgiving.

It is time for the midseason awards, and there are some unexpected winners.

MVP: Aaron Rodgers.

Rodgers has led the Packers to an 8-0 start this season to prevent a Super Bowl hangover. He has tossed 24 touchdowns to only three interceptions and has orchestrated the most prolific offense in football thus far.

Offensive Rookie of the

Year: Cam Newton. Newton has been under the microscope since he was taken as the number-one overall pick by the Carolina Panthers. There were ques-

tions as to if he could run a pro-style offense, or learn the playbook to even lead a team. Newton has proved believers wrong, already tying the rookie QB record for rushing touchdowns (seven). Newton has also chucked 11 touchdowns and passed for over 2,300 yards.

Defensive Rookie of the

Year: Patrick Peterson. The young defensive back out of Louisiana State University is looking like a promising draft pick for the Arizona Cardinals. As a cornerback, Peterson already has two interceptions and 35 tackles (31 solo). Not only has Peterson been a force on defense, he also leads the NFL in punt return yards, averaging 22 yards per return. Three of his re-

turns have been taken to the house this season, which already ties a single-season franchise record.

Coach of the Year: Jim

Harbaugh. The San Francisco 49ers were not expected by anyone to be 7-1... besides coach Harbaugh. Harbaugh is coaching in the NFL for the first time and lost key players due to injury and free agency and Harbaugh still found ways to win, all while changing people's minds about quarterback Alex Smith being a "bust." The Niners have had a tough schedule and beaten teams like the surging Detroit Lions, the self-titled "Dream Team" (Philly Eagles) and the first place Cincinnati Bengals. Needless to say, Harbaugh has his team on the right track.

In the Box with LSC Hockey

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

A young Lyndon State Hockey team has begun their season, and they are starting to raise a few eyebrows.

Goalie Mario Viola says he is very pleased with the season so far. He believes that this team can be as good as anyone in the league.

"Anyone has a shot this year," Viola said. "The entire league is at the same level. I really think we are going to turn some heads and surprise people this year."

Although the Hockey team lost a few key seniors last year, they still expect to compete.

"I like the young talent we have on this team this year," Viola said. "We have

a lot of depth, and since I've been here, we haven't been this talented."

After losing to Springfield College in their season home opener, the team won a decisive rivalry game against Castleton.

Viola says that the depth on this team could help them go far.

"I can honestly say that I can see us making it to the finals this year," said Viola. We have the team to do it, and if we play the way we are capable of, it will happen.

The team's upcoming home games are Friday, the 11th against University of New Haven, and Saturday the 12th against WPI.

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Top: Chris Martin (left) watches as Will Spalding (right) tees off on the 13th hole.

Left: Will Spalding in the midst of a "putt" shot on the 10th hole.

A complete map of the Lyndon State College disk golf course can be found on Google Maps at <http://bit.ly/nlZE8s>.

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

Many students do not know, but Lyndon State College is home to an exceptionally challenging and superior eighteen hole Frisbee golf course.

Beginning behind Rita Bowl and ending on Presidents Hill, this course offers students the opportunity to take a break from classes or homework and get outside for some fun and exercise.

Lyndon State Adventure Program Director Jamie Struck is proud of the course he designed and created, "Those first three shots will give you a taste of everything that you will ever see in disk golf. You'll see the long power shots, you'll see the delicate shots that you will have to be able to turn around a corner with a good lane, then you will see the lace shots, the ones that you really have to be exact with."

This course was made especially for Lyndon State College students and was funded by the Student Government Association. "This eighteen hole course in the end cost about \$10,000 to complete. Student Government Association has paid for this whole thing, this is student activities fee money that students are paying out each semester. They allocated this money and it was wonderful," said Jonathan Davis, the Associate Dean of

Student Affairs, while discussing the building of the course.

The first nine holes of the course are located in the woods behind the grey and brown house and end by the side of the Softball field. Crossing over the upper portion of College Road into the woods by the Presidents Hill parking lot will bring you to the beginning of the back nine. These last nine holes offer some great views of the campus while weaving in and out of the woods in addition to sprawling up and down Presidents Hill.

Every Tuesday the college offers "Disk Golf Afternoons." Tuesday at 3 p.m. behind Rita Bowl, students may come and partake in a round of disk golf. However, this is not the only time students can use the course. The free course is available any time of the day or night for use.

There were some new additions made to the course over the summer which included installing fixed tee boxes. The previous tee boxes were either made of dirt or grass, depending on what hole you were on. Now the tee boxes are cement offering a more stable surface for the golfers to tee off on.

Winter is quickly approaching and with that comes the end of the disk golf season, so plan on playing before any more snow falls.

Ryan's Review: "Camp" by Childish Gambino

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Correspondent

Score: 9/10

Donald Glover is a modern day triple threat. He has his own role on the show *Community*, he's a very funny standup comedian, and by night he's famed rapper Childish Gambino.

Since 2008, Glover has released 3 albums and 3 Eps, but he didn't blow up until last year with the fierce single "Freaks and Geeks" off of his EP entitled EP quite appropriately. A few months back, if anyone remembers, I gave Childish Gambino my first single of the week for his track "Bonfire" off of the release I'll be reviewing this week: *Camp*. "Bonfire" is obviously a great song, but does it stand alone on his first commercially released album?

This album is just Donald Glover; there's no one else featured on this album and the only other vocals on this album are from a chorus that appear in a couple of songs. To make an album this entertaining featuring yourself alone is an impressive feat, so for that Glover holds my absolute respect. Now, while Glover does boast a lot of his rhymes are self deprecating

and more about his struggles when he was a kid growing up and being bullied for separate reasons. In fact, a lot of his lyrics are based off of his childhood.

In the last track on the album "That Power" Glover goes into a 4 minute first person stream of consciousness story of his 13 year old self on the bus home from summer camp talking to a girl he likes, he tells her how he feels about her and how in the end what he thought was "destiny" turned out to be the opposite only to be humiliated by her telling everyone what he said. He ends the song saying that he "didn't go onto the bus a boy and come off a man, he went onto the bus and never got off". You feel for how hurt he is in these songs.

In the album's opening track "Outside" he has a great juxtaposition of somber lyrics about his tough childhood ranging from being bullied to being abandoned by his cousin and best friend. But the chorus brings a ray of hope with a campfire like tune sung by a chorus. It's something I guarantee will be stuck in your head. That's not to say all of these songs are "touchy feely" sensitive songs though.

Glover has a bite and when it comes out, he does nothing short of blow you away. You already know what I've said about "Bonfire", he's straight vicious in that song. I honestly didn't think he could top it. Then I heard "You See Me" and I was proven dead wrong. He absolutely destroys in this song with no looking back.

The last verse of this song is one of the most impressive verses I've ever heard in rap. Glover starts off fast, then when you think he can't go any faster with his rhymes he goes EVEN FASTER. The beat in this song is very heavy but simple, it has a looming bass beat and horns that dwell under his rhymes that compliment it all perfectly.

All of his beats are really well constructed in this album. Glover makes everything work on this album so well, he can switch from an R&B song to his hardest rap on a dime. A lot of his beats contain strings and pianos and they sound lovely to be frank. He also has some club songs like "Bonfire", "Heartbeat" and "Firefly". This album has a nice sampler feel when it comes to beats and tempos, there's essentially something for everyone on this album. If I can

just go back to his lyrics for a second as well, he has so many references thrown into his songs you might want to keep Wikipedia or Urban Dictionary open while you listen so you can catch them all.

There's really nothing to complain about on this album, there are a few songs that feel kind of "samey" but they work well nonetheless. Glover is

somewhat refreshing compared to most mainstream rap these days and *Camp* is a glowing example of the great things going on in the indie rap scene.

Songs You'll Love: "You See Me" "Outside" "All the Shine" "Bonfire"

Tracks you can skip: "Letter Home" "Kids"



Rock Climbing Duo Share a Long and Winding Journey

Brittany Valentine
Co-Entertainment Editor

Husband and wife rock climbing duo Freddie Wilkinson and Janet Bergman live in a 12 foot by 12 foot shed in Madison, NH—and they could not be happier.

“Living there allows us to have a life of travel,” says Bergman, and that is exactly what they do.

The couple’s two passions, rock climbing and travel, combined in a recent trip to India which they shared with Lyndon State College students Tuesday during a multimedia presentation.

Their journey led them to Saser Kangri II, the world’s second highest unclimbed mountain, which stands 7,518 meters. The mountain range had previously been closed to foreign visitors because border conflicts between India and Pakistan had

created a high-altitude battlefield.

This changed in the summer of 2011. Bergman and Wilkinson were part of a team of six Americans with Mark Richey, Steve Swenson, Kristen Kremer and Emilie Drinkwater exploring Karakoram’s untouched glaciers and rocks. Richey had been trying to convince Wilkinson to join him in an expedition since the summer of 2009.

The six of them set off, flying half way around the world, to India. They began their journey as one team, but planned to split into two teams—a men’s team and a women’s team.

When first arriving at base camp, in mid-July, the six of them enjoyed the first night together and then the two teams parted their ways.

Unfortunately, the weather conditions were not appropriate

for climbing and the temperatures were too high, so their plans ended up coming to a halt. The men’s team and the women’s team collaborated and had to become flexible.

They spent the next days climbing 4 other mountains which were primarily “warm-ups” for climbing Saser Kangri.

The women parted from the men and Wilkinson, Richey and Swenson set off to climb to Saser Kangri’s summit. Before they even left the base camp, they knew it was going to be a rough climb.

Swenson had been having nasal problems for the past few weeks, but after resting for a week and getting medicine, he set aside his sickness and was determined to complete this climb, not only for himself, but also for his team.

On the third day of the climb, conditions were becoming more critical. Not only was the climb getting extremely tough, but Swenson’s condition was worsening. All three of the men knew that how serious it was, but they avoided it. They new Swenson was a tough man and there dream was close to being reached.

Wilkinson said, “Keeping your breath and keeping one foot in front of the other was crucial for the rest of the climb.” Finally, they reached the top and celebrated with there hands in the air, yelling.

Unfortunately, getting to the top is only half the battle. By



Photos by Sarah Murphy

Freddie Wilkinson and his wife Janet Bergman pose for a picture after talking about their trip to India.

the time the men made it back to their base camp on the glacier, they had been hit by rock falls and at this point Swenson was really struggling.

It had been five days and four nights, and Steve had reached his point. The men took a break and fell asleep at their camp that night. About two hours after falling asleep, Swenson woke Wilkinson and Richey up. He couldn’t breathe when he lay down. The nasal congestion had moved to his lungs.

“It looked like any breath could be his last,” Wilkinson

said. The men knew that they needed to stop and promptly called for help through satellite. About nineteen hours later, a helicopter arrived to rescue the men.

Though the trip was not one hundred percent successful for the men, they did make it to the top of Saser Kangri. Despite not being able to complete the descent, Wilkinson pointed out the lessons they learned will help them be successful in future adventures. They also got to see a beautiful and remarkable part of the world, something many people dream of.

“It looked like any breath could be his last.”

-Freddie Wilkinson



A picture taken in India by Janet Bergman and Freddie Wilkinson shown during their presentation here at LSC.

Movies With Marc: What’s Playing Around Town

Marc Samson
Photo Editor

While homework continues to pile on, it might be a good idea to take a break before Thanksgiving break.

On Sunday, CAB will be showing Friends with Benefits at 6 p.m. in ASAC 100. Dylan, played by Justin Timberlake, and Jamie, played by Mila Kunis, attempt to avoid real relationships by simply being friends with benefits. They soon find out that the addition of sex to their relationship leads to hardships and complications.

CAB will be playing another movie next week: Crazy, Stupid, Love. As Cal (Steve Carell) and Emily (Julianne Moore) may be living the perfect American dream-styled life, Emily asks for a divorce. With a little help from his friend Jacob Plamer (Ryan Gosling) Cal tries to find the single life once more. It will be showing on Tuesday the 15th at 9 p.m. in ASAC 100.

To see a current movie, The Star Theater in St. Johnsbury is closest theater for new releases. “We are all digital now, no

more film,” said Ken Mattei, the owner of the Star Theater.

Up until next week, they will be playing Moneyball, Puss In Boots and Paranormal Activity 3.

Moneyball is about a General Manager of the Oakland A’s, Billy Beane, who happens to have the lowest salary in baseball. To get ahead and maybe even get close to the world series, he has to find something that will give his players an advantage. Billy decides to look at statistical data to analyze and value players that he will choose for his team. It plays Friday & Saturday, 7:05 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Sunday-Thursday at 7:05 p.m. with Saturday & Sunday matinees at 1:25 p.m. and 4:05 p.m.

Puss In Boots, a spin off of Shrek, by telling the story of Shrek, by telling the story of Shrek before his time with Shrek. The fighter, outlaw and hero sets off with his friends to save his town. The movie will be shown Friday & Saturday, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sunday-Thursday at 7 p.m. with Saturday & Sunday matinees at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5

p.m.

Finally, the third movie is Paranormal Activity 3. The story takes place back in 1988 where it appears everything began for Katie and Kristi. Soon they meet a friend as Katie talks with him nearly every day as he resides in their home. Everything turns wrong and the family is forced to leave the house. You can catch this film Friday & Saturday at 7:20 p.m. and 9:25 p.m., Sunday-Thursday at 7:20 p.m., with Saturday & Sunday matinees at 1:20 p.m., 3:20 p.m. and 5:20 p.m.

Also in Saint Johnsbury is Catamount Arts, where they have two movies and play anything from International Films to Box Office Showings. Remember, with your LSC ID card, you can get in for free! These two movies will be shown nightly over the weekend and with some matinees. From the 11th the 17th, Higher Ground and The Hedgehog will be playing.

Higher Ground, a movie based off of Carlyn S. Brigg’s autobiography This Dark World: A

Memoir of Salvation Found and Lost. Corine, the main character played by Taissa Farmiga, finds herself in a happy family breaking apart when she gets to high school with a very low self esteem and self-worth. Trying to find any sort of comfort, she falls for a young guitarist named Ethan. Finally finding a sense of peace after joining a fundamentalist community, she begins to see her life fall apart once more. Co-Starring Joshua Leonard and John Hawkes, Catamount will be playing it nightly at 7:30 p.m., as well as Friday-Sunday at 5:30 p.m. with matinees Sunday & Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

The Hedgehog is about a 11

year old girl named Paloma is serious about life but deeply bored who decides she wants to kill herself on her twelfth birthday. She soon becomes very interested in the idea and questions her life and documents it from the people in her immediate life. Living with parents who hardly notice her it becomes easier and easier to want to commit suicide. After befriending her building’s janitor and conversing with her, she begins to question her pessimistic outlook on life. It will be showing nightly at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. with matinees on Sunday & Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Lyndon Listed



takes a look at the top 10 mustaches on Lyndon’s campus

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Computer Guy is the Cat's Meow

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

Walking into the Kingdom County Animal Shelter in St. Johnsbury, bright orange walls frame the scene of kittens pawing at various toys, cats taking cat-naps, and volunteers cleaning and cuddling.

"What kind of operating system does it use?" Michael Dente, Lyndon State College's Assistant Chief Technology Officer, asks into his cell phone while surrounded by the cats of all colors and sizes meowing and playing.

Dente not only helps the LSC community with their technology problems, but also runs the website and Facebook page for the shelter. However, his services to the shelter are not limited to technology.

"I started doing adoptions and cleanings. After a couple of months, I got more involved and eventually they asked me to become a board member," explained Dente.

Currently there are four board members who make all the decisions about strategic planning for the shelter and deal with any burning issues or problems. A

large topic of discussion has been the question of allowing dogs at the shelter, which currently only accepts cats.

"It's really hard to do dogs because of ordinances and barking, so we are trying to decide if we want to," Dente explained. Another problem with accepting dogs could be space. "We are a non-euthanizing shelter, it's not something where we move them through, put them down, and get new ones. We think that's ridiculous. We only take the ones we can take."

The shelter tries to work with the community by promoting spaying and neutering in the hope that it will help control the cat population. "We've been pretty successful."

To adopt a regular cat, spayed or neutered and with shots, will cost the adopter \$95. Kitten's, with a voucher to local veterinarians for spaying or neutering, cost \$145. Though the price may seem high, Dente points out "It's not like you're paying 95 bucks, you're donating 95 dollars to the shelter."

Money from adoptions and fundraising is the shelter's only in-

come, which means the shelter is always looking for volunteers. Volunteer opportunities range from helping with fundraising and events, to cleaning, to adoptions.

"It's really rewarding, it's a lot of fun because the kittens are hilarious and playing with the big cats and the big cats sometimes don't want to deal with them," Dente said. "You can have your fill of every type of cat and age of cat without actually having them at your house."

Dente does have cats at home however.

"I just love cats," Dente says with a smile. "Lucy is my first cat, she's the oldest and then I have two younger cats that I just adopted, they are kittens, Hicks and Ripley, which came from the movie Aliens."

Working at the shelter is fulfilling for Dente. "It helps me feel better about the cat population and the cats outside in the cold, trying to save them. One of my cats is a rescue cat who was found frozen in a snow bank."

To become a volunteer or to donate to the shelter, visit the website at www.kingdomanimalshelter.com.



Photos By Samantha VanSchoick

Clockwise from top right: Cute kitten peers through the bars of his crate, Michael Dente takes cat out to play, Dente enjoys a perk of volunteering.

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Planting Programs for Kingdom Growth

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

Lyndon State College hopes to increase the economic opportunities in the Northeast Kingdom while also increasing the percent of residents that have a four-year degree with the launch of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship (CRE).

The goal of the program is "to educate more students and create more jobs in the northeast kingdom," says Ann Nygard, director of the program.

The plan to reach the goal through three different programs: Incubators without Walls (IWOW), Dress for Success, and NEK Manufacturing Training Program (NEKMTP).

IWOW is a program where local businesses who want to move to the next level but do not have the means to do so, are assisted by students at LSC who can help them with things such as market analysis, business plan development, cost analysis, and graphic and web design.

"There are very forward thinking professors on campus that want to interact with area businesses through their classes," says Nygard.

She says that this program helps them to do that effectively and efficiently.

In this, the businesses are getting the help that they need, while students are getting real world experience that looks impressive on a resume.

Eric Colantropo a Graphic Design and Digital Media student who for a class is working with a client from IWOW, Tara Lynn Bridal, says that he thinks the program is a positive one for students.

"I think it's interesting to be able to apply

design to something that someone can actually use. It gives motivation. It's rewarding. It's not just thinking of an idea and putting it in your sketchbook and closing it," says Colantropo of being able to apply what he's learning in class to a local business.

Another initiative that CRE is hoping to begin is called "Dress for Success." This is a program which would raise money to purchase professional clothing for students, so they would have appropriate attire for interviews.

"This is another way we can transfer students into the workplace successfully," says Nygard.

This program has had one meeting that students can attend this past week, and will have another meeting on December 1, at 2:00 in ASAC. The exact room will be announced.

The NEKMTP is another program that is working under CRE. This would give people the ability to work in a manufacturing company in the area while studying the trade. This schooling would be paid by the employer. They hope that this will increase the amount of workers qualified to work in manufacturing businesses in the area, causing those businesses to thrive.

The goal of the program is to help the community thrive, and to help LSC students succeed after college.

"Our overall goal is to increase the amount of four year degrees earned in the Northeast Kingdom, and have that translate into higher paying jobs," says Nygard.

In order to do this, she says that there must be coordination between region development agencies, private businesses, and educators.

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HERE TODAY, GONE NEXT YEAR

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Holding onto the freshmen that Lyndon State College brings in is an issue without an easy solution.

According to the Vermont State Colleges' website, the retention rate for first-year full-time students was 59 percent in 2009, the last year information was made available, and all accounts say the last two years were not much better.

"Some students don't know what they want to do with themselves and as a society it's just this kind of known expectation that the next step is college," said Director of First-Year Experience Donna Keely. "So they just go to college because that is what people are telling them that is what they should be doing."

What and where LSC is can also be an issue to new students.

"Many students come to Lyndon never having been here before and then they arrive and they have this kind of Hollywood notion of what college is going to be like," she said. "They miss having that accessibility to all of those restaurants and movies and malls and big fraternity or sorority houses or whatever that notion might be."

Some see it more as a problem of where they are coming from, not so much where they are going.

"There is that certain group of students that is just completely not prepared for college," said Assistant Professor of Visual Arts Philip Parisi. "Everything was handed to them in high school and they were taught to the test. We are not teaching to a test anymore. You have students coming in that you are expecting from the day they walk in to think for themselves, they are totally unprepared for that."

According to U.S. News, LSC has a 98 percent acceptance rate. Some point to that as to why students do not stick around.

"Some of the students that are admitted to Lyndon State have a very, very limited chance of success," said Professor of Education Barry Hertz. "It would be possible to foresee a number of students here that wouldn't be successful. It would help us all if we had a little bit more robust admissions policy."

Hertz was quick to point out that he does not want to close the school off to those who may not appear to be great candidates.

"I also believe that there are a large group of people who come here that you would scratch your head and you would say with work this person could succeed and I think those people should have a shot," he said. "I think there are also students that we admit that really don't have a shot."

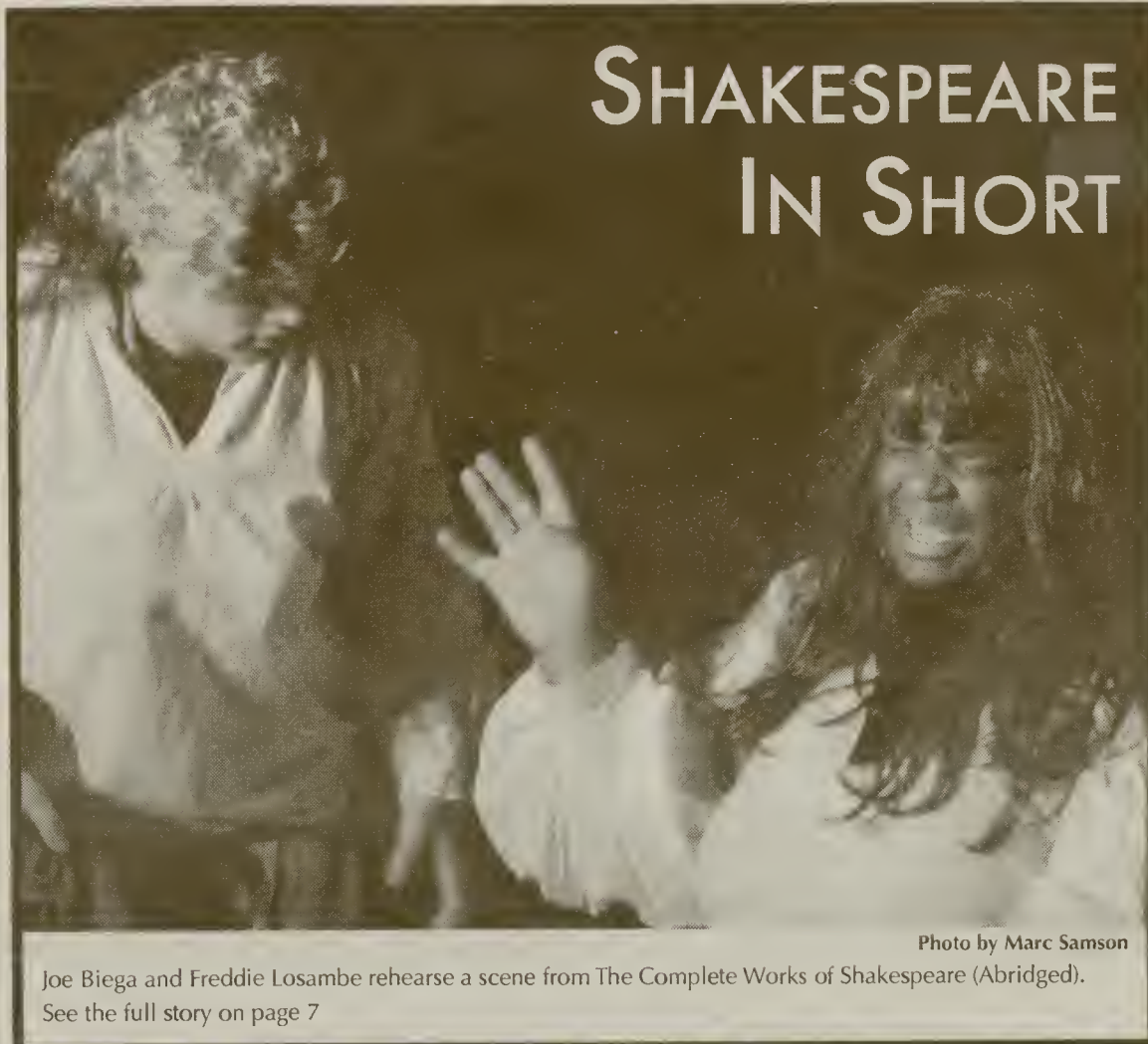
Not all agree that the school needs to have a more rigorous admissions process.

"I hear some faculty say 'bring us better students' and my answer to that is shame on us," said Assistant Professor of Business Administration Rod Jacobson. "We need to figure out how to educate the people that we have coming to the college. They are coming to us and looking for us to be able to deliver it in the best possible way that we can."

Bringing in many students is an essential piece of what the VSC and LSC are about.

"Part of the mission of Lyndon State College is to be an access point for Vermonters for higher education," said Professor of Atmospheric Sciences Nolan Atkins.

In conjunction with this, the lack of state funding for the VSC has caused the schools to become tuition dependent.



Joe Biega and Freddie Losambe rehearse a scene from The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged). See the full story on page 7

SHAKESPEARE IN SHORT

Photo by Marc Samson

"It's the nature of the business right now," said Assistant Professor of Social Sciences/Political Science David Plazek. "The motive becomes keep students at all costs because that is how we finance this operation. In 1980 over 50 percent of the funding for Vermont State Colleges was funded by state revenues. Now it is down to 18 percent. There is your problem right there. Lyndon State is just trying to survive in shark infested waters."

But bringing in students just to pay the bills does not sit right with some.

"Students will spend one, two or three semesters here creating debt for themselves," said Hertz. "I'm worried about the fairness of taking their money. I feel sorry for the students that have created a great deal of debt and then are not successful."

Just having the chance at a degree and possibly a better life is worth the risk to others.

"Giving people a chance in the first year, I'm ethically comfortable with that," said Plazek. "In a perfect world I would say have more rigorous standards and I would say have lower tuitions and have more tax support of higher education. There are some

ethical concerns and considerations, but what good is the school if it closes?"

Having more strict admissions standards means less students and less students means less money.

LSC is doing what it can to help the students they have been successful.

"The retention rate is what it is," said Atkins. "But I will say that the college is doing a lot more than other colleges to make sure the students are supported here and to retain them."

INT Classes Help Turn the Tide

One of the ways that the school has attacked the problem of retention is with classes designated to help freshmen become better college students.

All of the faculty and staff members interviewed for this story are currently teaching INT 1020 Entering an Academic Community. This class aids students with teaching them better study habits, how to register for classes, etc.

When Keely arrived in 2005 the retention rate was down to 53 percent. After the introduction

of the INT classes and peer leaders it went up to 60 percent.

The professors who teach the class see the difference it makes.

"It's nice to help ground some students as to what's really important, what things they really need to pay attention to," said Jacobson. "This is the beginning of their adult life."

The question has come up as to whether or not to keep the section mandatory because veterans and non-traditional students do not find much use in it.

"I would vote in support of keeping it a requirement," said Plazek. "But I would suggest that we should have a system where people can, on a case by case basis, make the case that they should be waived from this requirement."

There is also the option of creating a special class just for those non-traditional and veteran students that do not need INT 1020.

"They are in a different place than someone who just left high school three months ago," said Keely. "We'll likely see something in place for next fall with those two populations in mind."

Campus Calendar

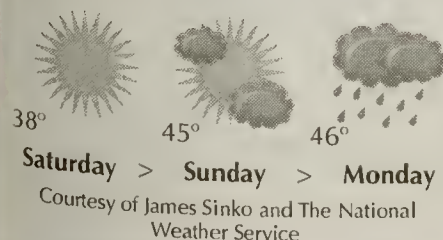
Sat. 12/2: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)
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- George Carlin

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Home for the Holidays

Mark Samson
Photo Editor

With the holidays upon us, many are thinking "What do I buy for my sister?" or "What do I buy my parents?" and sometimes this tends to

be the start of *I need to buy something big and expensive to show them I care*. So why don't you get creative instead? Sure, it's the end of the year, we're all picking up hours at work to make a little extra cash, we're finishing up with

finals, and feel we don't have much time to think about what we want to buy or to be creative or witty enough to choose the right gift. But we really can.

Holiday gift ideas that work best either represent your relationship with someone else or are something they can enjoy on a nearly daily basis. Now as an example, let's choose a gift for a newer friend. Appropriate gifts probably won't cost more than \$10 unless you are getting a great deal on the item. Gifts that work well for casual friends are edible treats or simple accessories.

Hot chocolate sticks are only a couple of dollars. Just heat the milk and place the chocolate in the cup until dissolved. Another gift that most people enjoy is simple pens or pins (but not the cheap ones) that are easily found for about five dollars.

Or maybe you're buying a gift for a brother or sister. What do they like most? This doesn't have to be extravagant or expensive, but will take knowledge about the person. Get a picture redone of the two of you from a family vacation, a recent event or a recent holiday. If you keep it simple but sentimental, an 8 x 10 in a basic wooden frame will only run about \$15.

When buying gifts for your parents, choose simple holiday-oriented gifts, such as mugs, hot chocolate and cookies or a couple of warm throws and a pair of pajamas, for about \$20 for a set. A way to be more inventive is to buy or make something that says thank you. Many parents enjoy a piece handwritten by their child. Accompanied by a re-touched old photo or piece of artwork from your childhood makes it count. With inventiveness and creativity in mind, buying your significant other a gift really depends on how long the relationship has been going. If it is fairly new, say two to four months, a group of odd, cute and fun items is the way to go: their favorite candy, something that re-

minds them of your first date, a handwritten note and a small memento to remind them of you. But if you have been dating for a significant amount of time you need to think about what the relationship means to you and where you want it to go.

Jewelry is always appreciated by both men and women but not everyone has that kind of money. If you are artistic with brushes, pencil or pen, you can make something: a poem, a letter, a painting or a drawing of

something that has meaning for both of you. Think about your relationship and what makes it significant. Represent the two of you with gifts that tell them you love them and care about them. Buy trinkets and items that bring up memories of where you have been together, places you have seen, things from significant dates (6 months, 1 year, 2 years) and present it to them in a package or a bracelet. Symbols and sentiment are what you are looking for.

So Sue Me! If You Can

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Back in 2006, Israel's Supreme Court ruled that except for "acts of war," Palestinians who have suffered damage due to military action are entitled to file damage suits in Israeli courts. For years Israel has been responsible for bulldozing private homes, targeted and random killings, blocking access of humanitarian aid in hundreds or possibly thousands of cases many of which could lead to costly litigation. Many such suits have already been filed.

So what is Israel to do? No problem. Litigants are simply prevented from crossing the Israeli border to present their case. Not that Israeli forces have any intention of impairing the legal rights of Palestinians, it's all a matter of "security."

Security is a wonderful word; it can justify almost anything. Here in the United States, security has been used to justify many things which were once thought to be prohibited by our Constitution.

We have just seen a widespread protest movement shut down by force in cities across the country. What a coincidence. Police in riot gear appeared simultaneously in each of these cities, forcibly ejected protestors and trashed their personal property.

Of course we support freedom of speech and assembly, but these gatherings are threaten our security. Don't they?

Our government is still trying to capture an individual who had the temerity to publish documents that exposed wrongdoing by diplomats and other government officials. Sure we support press freedom, but isn't this a matter of security?

Then there are those who have been waiting for a speedy trial for nearly ten years. They can't have that trial because it would be a threat to national security.

And don't forget the "right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures."

But our President must retain the right to kill any of us if he deems our death will promote national security. Not to worry. He's only done that to a Muslim American so far. Do I have to add that it was in the interests of national security?

Have you noticed something? The security they refer to is not the security of the people. That was guaranteed by the 4th Amendment to our Constitution.

The new security is the security of the state, also known as the homeland. Think back. Before 9/11 did you ever hear the word "homeland" in everyday conversation?

Now, a decade later, every time we hear of security, innocents are dying. This week it was 24 Pakistani soldiers. Who will die next week for the worship of the false god of security?

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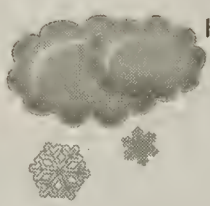
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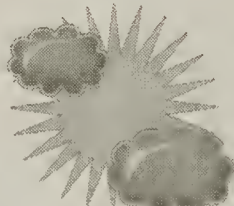
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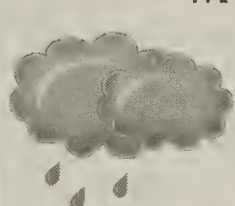


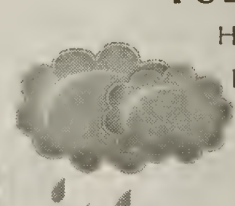
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Chance of showers
Nighttime chance of rain/snow

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What the Funk is Going On?

Your Weekly Musings from a Maniacal Music Man

Well hello my beloved acolytes. I hope you have all recovered from your tryptophan induced comas over break. Two weeks left to go and we are in the home stretch! With Christmas just around the bend and Thanksgiving's leftovers still digesting in our stomachs, it got me thinking the other day, what the funk is going on with the holiday spirit? Or lack thereof. Remember when the holidays used to be about charity, tradition, and time spent with your family? Apparently at some point during the 20th century it switched over to how much money we can spend and how awful we can be as human beings. I think it was probably the 80s.

Black Friday of course is the most egregious offender of this, the poster child for avarice. On Thursday we were all thankful for our blessings. On Friday we were thankful for semi-decent bargains. No doubt you saw the colorful ads

for all the things that would be on sale. 40 inch flat-screens for \$200! Gaming systems and iPods at ridiculously low prices! Computer prices nearly slashed in half! Not that any of us really even need that stuff. But what does that matter? People still bust out the credit cards. Buy now and pay later is the American way. Is it any wonder why our economy sucks? Maybe a big part of it is because we are really bad at managing our finances!

Each year more and more stores are opening earlier than ever, some at midnight or sooner. I wouldn't be surprised if next year people started camping out on Halloween to be first for Black Friday sales.

On Black Friday, capitalism is king. "Greed is good" as Gordon Gecko would say. Consume, consume, and consume some more! It's obviously the patriotic things to do. After all we've got to stimulate the economy somehow.

But of course the dark side of all this

frenzied shopping manifests itself on the news. This year it was the woman who peppered sprayed a crowd of people to get to the front of the line. Or how about the elderly man who suffered a heart attack while dozens of people stepped over him to make sure they didn't miss any bargains? Not a single one stopping to help him.

Riots and violence tend to erupt on Black Friday. Some of this is media hype, but for anyone who's ever personally gone shopping on this dreadful day you know it to be fairly true. The crowds, the dog eat dog atmosphere, it can be overwhelming to say the least.

I've only been Black Friday shopping once in my life and I vowed to never do it again. It's just not worth it. Holiday shopping in general is stressful to me. I'd prefer to spend some quality time at home with my dog and the rest of my family. I'd rather make gifts that mean something for people than spend all the money I

don't have on stuff I know is going to get used once or not at all.

For those of you who can handle the holiday madness and actually scored some great deals last week, good for you, you are an elite bunch in my opinion. I don't know how you do it. But I'd still implore you to take some time to reflect and think about what the holidays really mean.

If you get a chance, try to make at least one homemade present for someone special. Give as much as you are able to The Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, or other fine charities. Visit a nursing home or volunteer for COTS. Just remember that there are scores of people out there who can't even afford a basic meal while you scarf down a tray full of sugar cookies on Christmas day. I'm going to try my best to be more charitable this year than I have in years past. I need to be able to practice what I preach. I hope the rest of you will as well.

Vox Populi

To the Editor:

I understand that the LSC Veteran's group and the rest of the LSC community are looking for a way to honor the sacrifices our military veterans have made in defense of our country. Several ideas for a memorial have been proposed and some are interesting. I propose the following knowing full well that it will require some sacrifice on the part of LSC's fiscal planners. I propose that a granite stone with appropriate plaque be placed in front of our new ASAC building and that ASAC room (the meeting hall) be named "Veteran's Memorial Hall." And for what it's worth, in the short time that it took to compose this letter, I thought of the following faculty members (past and present) who served: With apologies to those faculty, staff, administrators and students who I have not identified, they are: Mary Bisson (Marines - WW II); Pat Gannon (Army - Korean Conflict - Air Force, Vietnam War); Ray Geremia (Army - Korean Conflict); Marvin Krupinsky (Army - WW II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War); Harrison Wells (Air Force - Vietnam War); Merle

Woodall (Army Air Corps - WW II).

And for the record, I served as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War. I personally abhor violence in all its varied and pernicious forms, but I cannot pretend to have all the answers for combating evil. I do, however, understand and appreciate commitment and sacrifice.

Sincerely,

Timothy Miles Sturm, Ph. D.

Professor of Education and Special Education

Dear Editor:

I am an 80 foot tall purple people eater with yellow eyes and blue fangs. Also, a fairy. The Critic will publish anything.

Sincerely,

Megan Seidell

11/10 Butt hut -

Vandalism

"A couple of guys who were up to no good. Started making trouble in my neighborhood."

11/12 Crevecour -

Underage Possession of Alcohol

"You don't believe me? The proof is in the pudding."

11/18 Rodgers - Unlawful Mischief

"Gettin' jiggy with it!"

11/13 Stonehenge Parking Lot -

Traffic Violation

"Life is a highway, I wanna ride it all night long."

11/29 LAC 3rd Floor -

Unlawful Mischief

"Still Gettin' Jiggy With It."

11/19 ASAC -

Skateboarding in the Hallway

"He was a skater boi, She said see ya later boi."

11/18 College

Road - Injured Hockey Player

"Now who ya gonna call?"

The Campus



11/19 HAC - Student in Lab

with two dogs

"Rut Roo, Raggy!"

Men's Basketball Not Bothered By Losses

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

After losing their first six games of the season, the Lyndon State college men's basketball team is not panicking.

Losing three games over Thanksgiving break has not helped the men's basketball team very much, but many on the team would tell you that it has not hurt them either.

On Tuesday, November 22, the Hornets traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts to take on Springfield College. They ended up losing the game 92-67. The team was not done playing games during

break after this tough loss, as they still had a tournament to play in.

This year, the team traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah to play in the Westminster Thanksgiving Classic. Coach Joe Krupinski says the experience itself was worth the trip.

"It was a great experience to take our team somewhere they probably have never been before," said Krupinski.

The team played their first game on Friday, November 25, and lost to host team Westminster College 81-46. Their next game of the tournament was against Carroll College. The Hornets lost that game as well, 103-58.

Krupinski believes the team shouldn't be judged by their wins and losses this season. Although they are 0-5, Krupinski says that he has seen a lot of improvement in this team.

"It's been a learning experience for us," said Krupinski when asked about the season. "We are not as concerned about our record through these first few games as we are about getting ready and preparing for teams in our conference."

Krupinski sees a lot of improvements that can be made to the team early on in the season. He believes that if the right adjustments are made, they can do well in their conference games.

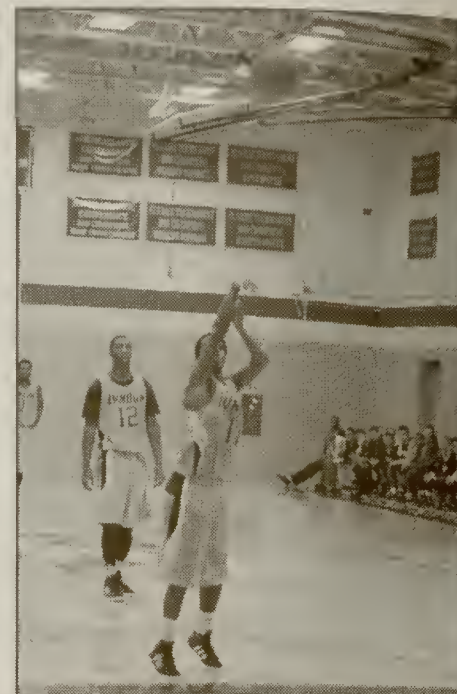
When asked about specifics, Krupinski said there are a few finer details the team will be working on in practice.

"We can't afford to be fouling, especially with our inside game," he said. "We also need to be shooting better as a team."

Krupinski has certain expectations for this year's team. All he is asking from them is to do their best.

"We expect that they are going to show up and try and get better every day," he said. "That is the only expectation that we really have. In terms of wins and losses we can have a successful year in our league."

With a loss against Colby-Sawyer College last night 83-74, the Hornets will look to take their 0-6 record home to take on New England College. The game will be in the Stannard Gym on Saturday December 3 at 2 p.m. They then travel to Plymouth State College on Thursday Dec. 8. Tip-off for the Hornet's upcoming road game is at 7:30 p.m.



Photos by Sarah Murphy

Algie Lovelave (pictured above) shoots a free throw for the Hornets against Western New England College. The Hornets ended up losing this game on a buzzerbeater 68-67. The Men's Basketball team has had their fair share of struggles, but are hoping that junior Jason Gray (pictured below) can help lead this team back to the NAC Championship game.



Women's Basketball Renewing Rivalries

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State College women's basketball is ready for conference play.

Preparation for the team's first North Atlantic Conference game at Colby-Sawyer began in the Gordon Classic Gordon College Tournament in Wenham, Massachusetts. The Lady Hornets posted mixed results with a 62-50 win over Newbury College and a 47-41 loss to Gordon College.

Head coach Vinnie Maloney noted that the team needs to address the finer aspects of the game.

"The mental aspect is big, and that's where most of our lapses were. It wasn't from effort or desire to get after it, which was really pleasing," Maloney said.

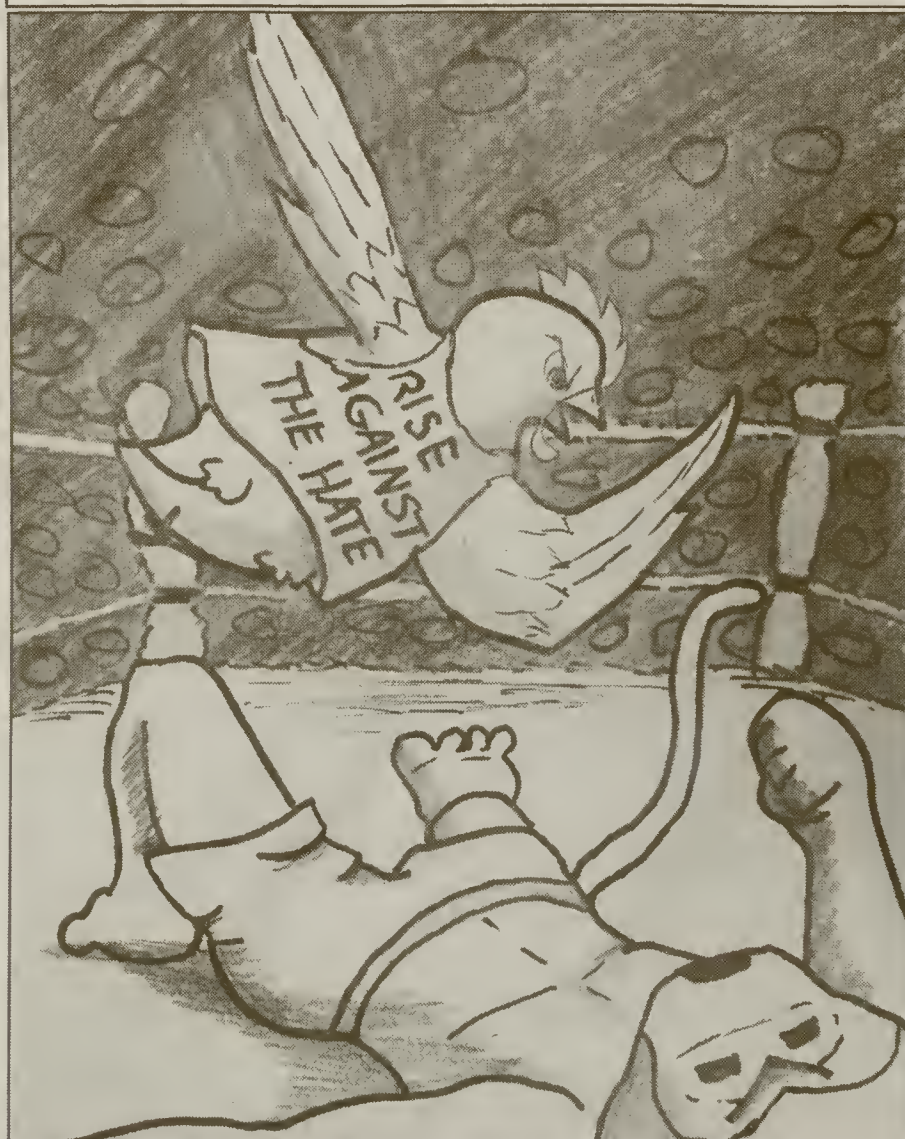
Some players are really shining after tournament play. Forward Donna Lawson currently leads the NAC in rebounds per game (11.0), and is second in points per game (18.5). Meanwhile, guard Naomi White is currently tied for the NAC lead in three-point percentage (50.0) and is fifth in RPG (9.5).

Maloney believes that the mental aspects are correctable, especially with the solid play from players like Lawson and White. This makes him confident in the team's ability to play well in its first game against a NAC opponent.

"They got their hands full, but I think they're ready," Maloney said.

First taste of NAC competition did not go well for the Lady Hornets, as they recorded a 85-43 loss to Colby-Sawyer.

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Hornets Outshoot the Coast Guard



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Lyndon State College puts a hit on U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The team won the game 5-4 for its second victory and currently holds a 2-5 record. The team plays tonight against Daniel Webster College at the Fenton W. Chester Arena. The puck drops at 7:30.

Lockout Lifted: NBA on Christmas Day

John Kazar
Alex Farnworth
Critic Columnists

Basketball fans are in for a treat this Christmas.

Now that the lengthy lockout has come to an end, the NBA season will start on Christmas day with an intriguing triple-header. The day will start out with the big three of the Boston Celtics going up against Melo and the New York Knicks. Game number two will be an NBA Finals rematch between the Dallas Mavericks going up against the hungry Miami Heat. Christmas night will be capped off with a matchup between two of the most electrifying players in the game, Derrick Rose and the Bulls versus Kobe Bryant and the Lakers.

With the lockout being lifted, the players will be able to attend training camps, free agents will be able to negotiate with teams and the rookies will be able to sign with the teams they were drafted by. Just like the NFL off-season there will be a free agent frenzy because teams do not have long to sign players and familiarize them with their team's system. Jamal Crawford, last year's Sixth Man Award winner will be the most sought out free agent; he is a prolific scorer with game-changing ability. He has been recognized throughout the league but to people who watch the NBA from their couch he might not be a star. Joe Johnson overshadowed him in Atlanta. The top rookie to watch will be Bismack Biyombo who is coming out of

the Congo to play for the Bobcats. Biyombo is raw, young, is a freak athlete and has natural instinct. Although he may struggle at times going up against the likes of Amare Stoudemire and Dwight Howard, he will learn a lot from Michael Jordan (Owner of the Bobcats). Biyombo is a pure shot-blocker and he can run the floor with his fellow first round teammate Kemba Walker. The Bobcats are going to be a team on the rise and they will give people problems, look for Bismack Biyombo to make a run for Rookie of the Year along with Jimmer Fredette of the Kings, Marshon Brooks of the Nets and Jan Vesely of the Wizards.

Looking back at the excitement that occurred last season, we can only imagine what a

shortened and faster paced season will bring to the league. This is a chance for those younger but surging teams to make a run within their conference. The Oklahoma City Thunder is a team that continues to make playoff progress every season. Lead by the NBA's top scorer the past two seasons, Kevin Durant, and the phenomenally agile point guard, Russell Westbrook, there is no doubt this team has what it takes to claim the title of Western Conference Champions.

We all know the talent of teams like the Miami Heat and the Chicago Bulls in Eastern Conference. But a popular team, still put under the radar is the New York Knicks. Despite being weak at the center position, the Knicks hold talent in

just about every other spot. Carmelo Anthony, one of the league's best all-around players, adjusted well into Mike D'Antoni's "run 'n gun" offense, and after joining the team halfway into the season, lead the Knicks to their first playoff berth in seven seasons. You can expect New York to put up triple digits in many games this season.

With the first games starting up in just less than a month, players, fans and even owners are trying to prepare themselves for this oddly designed season. For some players, the lockout could have a serious effect, but other players are just looking to get on the court and play the game that they love. One thing is for sure, Christmas Day is going to be that much better.

Stannard Gets a New Finish

Courtland Hanley
Critic Correspondent

Danaher Custom Services Inc. has returned to Lyndon State College to work on gymnasium floors.

The Lyndon State Athletic Department wanted Danaher to redo the Stannard Gymnasium floor after being dissatisfied with how it looked. The Stannard Gymnasium is the court used by the Lyndon State Hornets varsity men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the women's varsity volleyball team.

Lyndon State Athletic Director Christopher Ummer said that while the Stannard Gymnasium was sealed correctly over the summer, "we were not pleased with the art work and the coats of paint on the floor."

The Rita Bole Gymnasium was also restored over the summer, but was subject to many complaints from students.

"The floor pulled my hip flexor. It was ridiculous," said Freshmore Jeffery Russell.

Sophomore Quinn Rambo says he "avoided playing in that gym because of the increased risk of injury" prior to the latest finish.

"Essentially what needed to be done was that the finish needed to be reapplied. The finish [done the first time] was not effective one in protecting the floor and two

in allowing for good traction."

Danaher Custom Services Inc. used a different sealant upon the return October 28-29, and results are much better this time around.

The decision to have the company return to work on the floors again was a mutual one between Athletic Department Administrators, Physical Plant Director Tom Archer, and Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton.

The initial cost of the renovation was around \$50,000. "To date we have not paid anything extra for re-doing the gym floor and I suspect that will be the case as we have argued that the finish was not adequate for our purposes," said Archer via e-mail.

After the latest work, the new floors "should be good for 20-30 years" according to Ummer.

A new scoring table has also been purchased for the Stannard Gymnasium. "It creates a more professional appearance," and even "has a protective padding" said Ummer. The new table cost \$7180 and was funded by the Hornet club. "We've got to keep up with the Jones'," added Ummer.

The restoration of the Stannard Gymnasium was just in time for the Lyndon State Hornets men's varsity basketball opener on November 15.

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"Movember" at Lyndon State College

Dave Marks
Critic Correspondent

The month of November has some nicknames. "No shave November" is a popular one, which some say comes from a craze started in Australia. It started eight years ago, when a men's health foundation had the idea to get people to grow mustaches in order to raise awareness for prostate cancer and men's health. Movember is what they call it, and it's a time for "mo' brothers and mo' sisters" to grow their facial hair. In order to "educate men about the health risks they face, and to act on that knowledge, thereby increasing the chances of early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment," according to Movember's website (us.movember.com).

The charity has spread off the island of Australia, and onto countries all over the world. This year it hit the U.S. hard; Johnny Depp, Brad Pitt and Zac Efron are amongst celebrities that participated. A large group

of National Hockey League players, including members of the Boston Bruins. According to the Movember website, 174 million dollars has been raised over the past eight years of the cause.

This week's list takes a look at the top 10 mustaches on Lyndon's campus. Not many mustaches were grown just for Movember. In fact the number one mustache on the list has been in the works for twenty five years.

"Not always in this form" explains David Johnston "but for 24 or 25 years, which eventually led to this configuration.. after saying 'Let's see what this turns into'". When I led a discussion on Facebook, David Johnston was a clear number one. The philosophy professor's mustache is thick, and has extremely impressive form. The 20+ year old stache gets comments from students all the time "and occasionally from people on the street" Johnston says. What is the secret of the stache? "a comb and blow dry to get the curve." Johnston also has a spe-

cial mustache wax that he uses on special occasions.

After talking with someone who has a mustache, one will learn that it really is not an easy task. Which is why when someone has a stache, people are quick to recognize, and give credit where its due. I tried myself to grow a mustache in the month of November, and it is not easy.

Coming in second was the mustache of English professor Richard Moye. This very well-groomed, organized mustache is also admired by many. Close behind in third was our president Steve Gold! Junior Tim Pearson was the highest ranking student mustache (number 4). Pearson has the classic "handlebar" mustache (pictured below). Other votes included Tim Lewis and Mark Morhman of the television department. Graham Sheriff and several other students also made the cut. Student Dimitri Papathanassiou, and sophomore on the LSC hockey team, was a fan favorite.



Photos by Dave Marks

Top (left): Professor David Johnston poses to show off his mustache. He was voted as having the best mustache on the LSC campus. Top (right): Dimitri Papathanassiou of the LSC hockey team was a "Fan Favorite" rocking his rendition of the handlebars. Left: Tim Pearson who also went with the handlebar look comes in with the 4th ranked mustache on the LSC campus.

LSC's Best Mustaches

Rank	Name	Title
1.	David Johnston	Philosophy
2.	Richard Moye	English
3.	Steve Gold	LSC president
4.	Tim Pearson	Junior student
5.	Tim Lewis	EJA chairman
6.	Dimitri Papathanaseau	Sophomore student
7.	Graham Sheriff	Public Service/Library
8.	Mark Morman	EJA Tech Master
9.	Jonathan Kaplan	Biology
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	Dave Wood	
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Ryan's Review: "Lulu" by Lou Reed & Metallica

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

There have been many great collaborations in music throughout the years. Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash, Jay-Z and Kanye West, Dr.Dre and Eminem, DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince. You see what I'm getting at here. Those are all prime examples of great artists getting together and making good music; there's also nothing unusual about them what so ever, they compliment each other in such fine ways.

Then, once in every blue moon, we get something so odd, so random, so out of left field; we sit and scratch our heads and ask "Why? Why did this, of all things, have to happen?" The most recent, most prime example of collaboration like this

would be the project known as *Lulu* by Lou Reed, of the Velvet Underground fame, and Metallica.

I'm just going to throw this right out there; this album is the most grandiose train wreck of a failed experiment that my ears have ever had the displeasure to hear. It's so epically bad that I really do want to recommend it to anyone with the time and patience to listen to it in full, but I will save you the absolute displeasure of listening. I say that because this album is frustratingly bad. I honestly found my self getting angry for how long and drawn out these songs were. Not only are these songs long and drawn out, the longest being the last track "Junior Dad" finishing up at a "modest" 19 minutes and 30 seconds, but the lyrics and faux avant garde noise

that Metallica is making in the background just bleeds pretentiousness.

First lets focus on the terrible, almost seemingly Alzheimer inspired ramblings of Mr. Lou Reed, who penned the album's lyrics. The album was written as the sound track to a performance of 2 German plays Reed was producing in the near future. Every song is essentially a narrative of what is happening in the plays. I will admit, I have not read a single page of the plays Reed writes about but I think that he completely missed the mark of the literature, or the literature is just that bad. Don't believe me? I will list a few lyrics from songs on the album completely verbatim. "I am the tablet!" - from the song "The View". "I dreamt of breezes going through the treeses And stars were still illumed I have three hearts that I keep apart Trying to relate" - from the song "Brandenburg Gate". "Will you adore the river The stream, the trickle The tributary of my heart" from "Pumping Blood". I know what you're thinking, "These are taken out of context, no one would write lyrics like that especially the great Lou Reed. They make no sense in this context!!" That's where you're wrong, they don't even make sense in context, and those lyrics were only from the first 3 songs. This album consists



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of 87 minutes worth of gems like these. Spoken word can be such a powerful genre and *Lulu* manages to just kill it completely.

So, how's the music from Metallica? Is it heavy? Is it fast? Is it nice and intense? Nope. It is honestly the most boring, trite, sporadic soundtrack to the ramblings of an aging Lou Reed. There's really no good way to describe anything about it, it's so cut and dry. It has no musical direction what so ever, it's not music it is literally filler noise in the background. At times, they sound like 14 year-old musicians trying to figure out how to write their own first song. That's all I

have to say about that.

If I haven't scared you away from *Lulu* then just take a look at the cover in all honesty. That should scare you straight. This is the worst album of the year and should have never even been developed in the first place. If you want to be put into a bad mood, or have a really good laugh then listen to this, otherwise don't waste your time.

I'm truly saddened this exists/10

Tracks you'll like: Listen to something else, like Odd Future or something.

Tracks to skip: *Lulu* by Lou Reed and Metallica.

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Come One, Come All

Brittany Valentne
Co-Entertainment Editor

With a twist of originality and humor, The Green Mountain Shakespeare Company, performs The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged). This comical and fast moving performance is one of London's longest-running comedies.

Just in this one performance, the actors will cover all of Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories and Tragedies. To my surprise, the works of Shakespeare were twisted into this play very well. The amusing performance left me laughing out loud at times. With modern day music, hilarious props, and outrageous

costumes, this was an entertaining way to get the summary of Shakespeare's famous plays, into just a couple hours.

I am sure you are wondering how 16th century plays, that are over 400 years old, can be presented modernly. After sitting through their dress rehearsal last night, it was clear that this play was transformed not only into something modern, but also comical and unique.

Joe Bieja, Marc Brunco, Freddie Losambe and Isaac Tanney immediately present humor in the opening act of the play. The performance was very unpredictable and it kept me wondering what the actors were going to do next. They kept me on the edge of my seat—because

I never knew if they were going to walk over to me; they kept the audience involved. Whether it was asking questions or taking a seat next to an audience member, it was truly unpredictable.

If you are worried about not understanding the play, because you are not familiar with Shakespeare, don't be. I have had little exposure with Shakespeare's work, but that is what made the play entertaining for me. It was not only educational, but it was amusing.

Adam Brabant, an LSC student and the director of the play, has done a good job putting the show together. Show dates are December 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. in ASAC 100. There is no cover charge.



Photos by Marc Samson



The Green Mountain Shakespeare Company held a dress rehearsal Wednesday night for the play: The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged). The performance will be on Friday and Saturday.
Top: Picture is Joe Bieja and Freddie Losambe.
Bottom: shows again Joe Bieja and Isaac Tanney.

Your Health: Eat & Live a Better Life, With Morgan

Morgan Forester
Critic Staff

It has come to my attention that The Critic is lacking a health section. We may be a small New England college but that does not mean we cannot be healthy, nor does it mean that we know everything about staying healthy. I am not an expert in health and exercise, but I see it as being an important part of one's life. When it comes down to it if you don't have your health, what do you have? It may be a cliché but it is true. If we don't focus on ourselves every once in a while, how can we be expected to accomplish all of our goals and achieve the success we desire? So, here is the beginning of a weekly column dedicated to you with tips on eating and exercise and an activity to take your mind off of school and work; something to make a break in your day and hopefully a fun way to spend that break.

Exercise of the Week: Stationary Lunge with Arm Raise

Courtesy of Brad Collins, Exercise Science

Standing straight with feet together, shoulders back and down arms at your side. Take a wide step forward keeping without twisting your body. Lower your body as if you are going to one knee but do not let your back knee drop to the floor. While lowering your body simultaneously raise your arms out straight to shoulder height. Repeat for other leg. Do 10 lunges each side.

Want a challenge? Add a small weight for the arm raises. You don't need dumbbells or expensive equipment, try bottled water or food cans. Any extra resistance helps.

Recipe of the Week: Easy Crock Pot Chili

Adapted from a recipe on
freshlyminted.blogspot.com

Ingredients:

1 can tomato sauce
1 can diced tomatoes
1 taco or chili seasoning packet
1 can beans (black or Kidney your preference)

1 pound Ground beef (if you do not have access to a kitchen to brown the beef in a skillet add an extra can of beans. You could also try browning the meat in a George Foreman Grill)

Directions:

1. Brown beef in a skillet. If this is not an option use extra beans making sure to drain them before adding to the crock pot.
2. Add tomato sauce, diced tomatoes and chili seasoning to crock pot with beans and beef.
3. Stir ingredients together over medium heat then reduce heat to low and cover.
4. Let cook for 30 mins. to an hour depending on thickness preference.
5. Make sure meat has been thoroughly cooked before consuming
6. Enjoy!

Healthy Tip: use ground Turkey instead of Ground beef for a leaner meal.

Activity of the Week: Easy Wall Art

Courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens DIY

A cheap way to brighten up your dorm. All materials can be found at the bookstore but you may be able to find more paint options that are less expensive at another location.

You will need:

A canvas-any size
Masking tape or painter tape if you have it
Paint brush
Different colors of paint or just one (depends on the look you want)
Newspaper

Directions:

1. Clear a workspace for yourself and lay down newspaper to protect the surface you are working on.
2. Decide if you want your background to be the white of the canvas. If not paint a base layer on the canvas. This will have to dry completely before you continue.
3. Lay tape on canvas. This can be a pattern or design or entirely abstract, it's up to you.
4. When you have finished, paint over the entire canvas with the color of your choice.
5. Let the paint dry entirely before removing the tape from the canvas.
6. Congratulations! You now have art. Feeling Creative? Keep going and make more layers. Have fun with this and make it your own.

During Finals Week: Nightly Munchies for the Studious Student

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

Katelyn Tibbits loves finals week. Many students hate it, but she says it is her favorite time of year.

"I love the time to socialize, it makes me less stressful," the LSC junior said. "I can take an hour break from studying and just relax."

Now that Thanksgiving break is over, and we have been back at school

for a week, the rest of the semester will fly by. With only one week left before the last day of classes, students will undoubtedly be rushing to complete late assignments, cramming for last minute tests, and staying up way past their bed times. There is however, a "getaway" if you will, from all the studying and cramming and stress!

The Campus Activities Board puts on "study breaks" every year during finals week for students to take a break,

get some free food and hang out with friends before going back to the stress-filled life they are living.

"I love it," said Dan Haycook, a senior at Lyndon State. "I've been going for the four years that I have been here. My favorite is the breakfast night; there is just nothing better than breakfast in the middle of the night during the most stressful time of the year."

The study breaks will begin December 11th with a make your own Sunday event, and continue the 12th, 13th, and 14th with other great specials. The

12th will showcase a late night breakfast event, which is notoriously the most popular event. On the 13th students can indulge in nachos with all the fixings, sour cream, salsa, jalapeños, etc. The fourth and final night will allow students to satisfy their sweet tooth with all you can eat fried dough.

All the events will begin at 9pm on their specific days and are put on in the dining hall. Students will be able to play board games or just relax over some quality food.

Poking the Hornet's Nest

Danielle Drown
Critic Correspondent

The Vermont State Health inspector has done an inspection for the Hornet's Nest and Steven's Dining Hall, or has he?

It has come under scrutiny that the Hornet's Nest snack bar has an expired State Board of Health License. The posted license expired in May of 2011.

Adam Vigue, Lyndon State College Food Service Director, acknowledged that the snack bar does indeed have an expired license posted on the wall.

"We keep the current license in the office. There's just never a good place to put them," said Vigue.

An expired health license posed the question of whether or not the health inspections for Steven's Dining Hall and the Hornet's Nest were current or expired as well.

"The last inspection at the snack bar was around the beginning of 2011. I believe it was January or February," Vigue said.

The website for the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) says otherwise, stating that the last inspection for the Hornet's Nest was conducted Dec. 14, 2009. When asked about this information, Vigue did not have a definite answer.

"I am not sure why the state website has an incorrect date," said Vigue.

Elisabeth Wirsing, Food and Lodging Program Chief, confirmed Vigue's assertion that both the Hornet's Nest

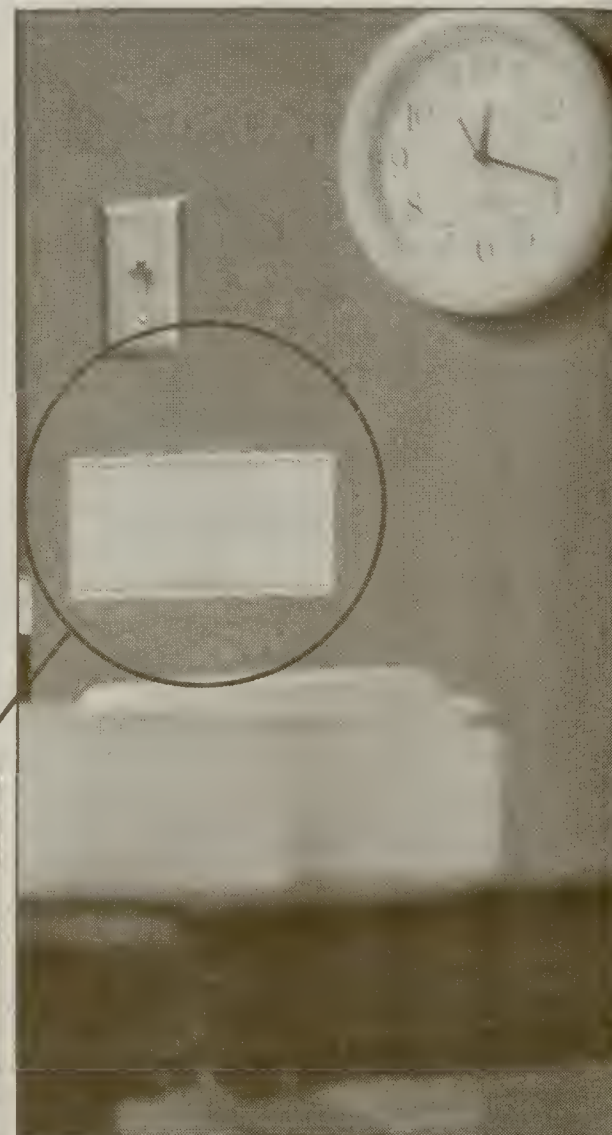
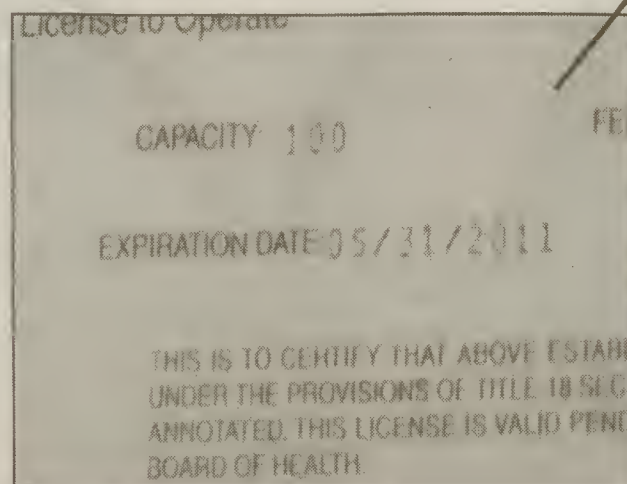
and Steven's Dining Hall had indeed received an inspection earlier this year and that both held current licenses.

"Our records indicate an inspection was conducted at the Lyndon State College 'Hornet's Nest' on Jan. 11, 2011 and the establishment received a score of 96. This inspection data does not appear to have successfully uploaded to the VDH website application for public search; we are looking into a fix for this problem" said Wirsing.

According to the website for the Vermont Department of Health, Steven's Dining Hall received an inspection score of 94. Both establishments were not marked off for any critical violations.

"There were no issues with food, temperatures, or safety," said Vigue. "The issues in the snack bar were facility related issues."

The state requires a score of 70 or better and no critical violations in order to pass health inspection.



Photos by Sierra Willenburg

License appears to be expired in the Hornet's Nest but manager Adam Vigue says the new one is just not posted.

Ooodles and Ooodles of Moodle

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

It seems that students have stopped hating Moodle.

After almost a full semester of everybody using Moodle instead of Blackboard, students have adapted to the new portal.

Senior Allison Poulin who had used Blackboard for three years, took an online class using Moodle during the summer and said that it took her some time to get used to the change.

"Now it's okay because I know how to use it, but at first it was really frustrating," said Poulin.

Another student, junior

Wesley Hatch who only used Blackboard for a year before the Vermont State Colleges switched to Moodle says, "It's about the same. It's nice to have everything on one page now."

Members of faculty have learned and are enjoying the aspects that are different than they were in Blackboard.

One different feature on Moodle is the glossary, which allows students and faculty to create an online dictionary for the class.

Another is a forum, which is like the discussion board on Blackboard, but is set up so professors can choose to not let stu-

dents see others' replies until they have entered their own original responses.

Professors can also post more interactive quizzes than before, which can be in the form of games such as Hangman or Snakes and Ladders.

"The fact that it's interactive makes it fun to use," says Meaghan Meachem, EJA Professor and the "Moodle Medic".

As the Moodle Medic, Meachem has done faculty trainings and continues to help faculty over five Vermont colleges use the new portal.

Meachem thinks of Blackboard as being a filing cabinet

where everything is stored away and you have to go looking for it, while Moodle is all laid out right in front of you.

"[Moodle] really forces us to think differently about the way we present materials," says Meachem.

She says that while there are challenges for professors when working with it, it makes things easier for the student.

"It's all in one place. You don't have to go hunting for it," says Meachem. "It's more obvious about what's expected of you as a student."

English Professor Andrea Luna, one of the fifteen professors who piloted Moodle last spring, says, "it works for me. I love it... and my students seemed to like it too."

The change from Blackboard to Moodle officially happened right after graduation in May.

"The version of Blackboard we were using was being phased out by the company, so we had to upgrade, either to the new version of Blackboard or to something else," says Luna. "Moodle is more flexible, less ex-

pensive, and widely used in educational settings all over the world."

Meachem says that hundreds of thousands of dollars were being spent on Blackboard across the VSC.

The VSC made this decision to change to Moodle with feedback and suggestions from both faculty and students.

"They really had four programs on the table and solicited help from everybody to make a decision. It was nice that they were so inclusive."

Moodle is an open-source program so it updates itself automatically without the VSC having to purchase the updates. This will save the schools money.

One question is left unanswered in all of this, and Poulin comes right out and asks it.

"And why is it called Moodle anyway?"

Meachem responds that she is unsure, saying, "Moodle. Noodle? What? You never know."

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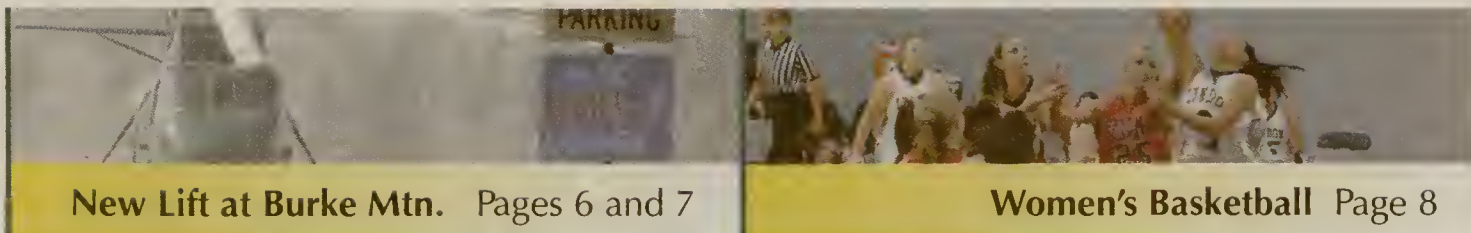
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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT



Members of the Sustainability Club install the solar panels.

Photo by Ben Luce

Sarah Aube
Critic Staff

Sustainability students and professors are hoping that it will be always sunny in Lyndonville, not just in Philadelphia.

After more than a year of working on financing and planning, students and professors have installed a solar system near the alumni house that will produce 5000 watts of AC power when the sun shines.

On average, the system will produce about 15 kilowatt-hours of energy per day. This is roughly the amount of power that it takes to run the alumni house.

"It is important to keep in mind that this project is a home-scale system," says assistant professor of natural sciences and physics, Ben Luce, who played a major role in securing funds for and designing the system. "Its purpose is basically to power the Alumni House, or something of similar scale and to give students experience with a home-scale system."

The amount of electricity that the solar system is saving the system that was installed is very small, but as the price of solar power is decreasing, the school is able to explore the possibility of placing much larger solar systems

on the roofs of some of our buildings.

"I certainly believe that LSC should and will continue to move towards appropriate renewable energy and practices, particularly solar," says student Samantha Wolf, who was involved in the project. "It certainly shows prospective students what we can do here and how seriously we take our carbon footprint."

This project began when Professor Luce found out that Senator Bernie Sanders was helping to find assistance for high schools in Vermont that were interested in solar power. Once Luce contacted the Senator's office, the senator also found financing for LSC.

After over a year of working to receive this financing, the college received a grant for \$32,500 from the Department of Energy through the State of Vermont under the provision that the college would also put \$10,000 into the funding for the equipment, as well as providing labor.

"I am very proud to have worked with Lyndon State College to fund the installation of solar panels on campus," said Sen-

ator Sanders. "This project is one more step to move Vermont to sustainable energy, and will help give students and professors at the College a unique opportunity to incorporate solar energy into the curriculum."

Once the equipment was received students in Luce's Energy and Environment class began assembling the mounting racks of it inside to ensure that the holes were all drilled correctly and would fit the solar modules.

The system was installed this past weekend on Dec. 4, by students and professors.

"The crew worked all day transporting the components, assembling scaffolding, lifting the heavy components into place, and then hours of bolt tightening well into the evening hours," said Luce. "One of the student's dogs kept the crew company and was renamed 'Sundog'."

There are still a few tasks remaining including finishing the wiring and connecting the system to the power grid, but Luce and others involved hope to finish the project before the beginning of next semester.

Natural sciences professor

Mike Miller, who says his role in the project was limited to showing up on Sunday with work gloves on and a wrench in hand, thinks that this is a project that LSC can really be proud of.

"It was fun to be a part of it and I learned a lot, including witnessing the panels being tested real-time with an amp meter while they captured their first clean rays of light energy," Says Miller. "The installation of a solar array on campus is epic in many ways. The new solar arrays are an exciting environmental addition that the entire school can be proud of."

Brian Boynton, another student who helped with the project, also thinks it's a positive move for LSC.

"I think it is important because it will reduce the use of fossil fuels, and save the college money in the process. It is also very good to have this resource available for students to learn from, especially in the sustainability department," say Boynton.

Now that the system is installed, Luce and his students will study the performance of the system in detail.



The finished solar panels stand near the Alumni House

Photo by Ben Luce

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Campus Calendar

Fri. 12/9: LSC Talent Show
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Lyndon State College hosted eight Russian visitors this week. Professor Svetlana Zhdanova, who heads the department of developmental psychology of Perm State University, brought seven students. The students included her son and daughter-in-law, who are both doctoral candidates in economics. The group was invited by LSC history professor Alexandre Strokanov who is himself a graduate of Perm State. Before arriving in Lyndon the group spent time in New York City and are scheduled to leave for Boston

today. From Boston, they will return to Perm.

Strokanov is negotiating a research agreement between Perm State and Lyndon State. An interesting joint study just completed tested the reactions of individuals from different cultures to the film Avatar. While American students tended to perceive Avatar as a film about war, Russians thought it was a love story, and Chinese students took it to be a film about ecology.

Suspicious Confirmed?

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

A number of years ago, I was driving through a small Southern town when I was forced to stop by a man standing in the road. It turned out he was selling peanut brittle. I didn't want any and was a little annoyed that I'd been stopped by a peddler. But he didn't give up, "It's real good and good for ya," he said in a rich Southern drawl. Then he gave me a knowing look and fired the close: "It could even save ya a traffic ticket."

I didn't buy the peanut brittle but I did spend the next few miles shifting my eyes back and forth from the speedometer to my rear view mirror, half expecting to see the flashing lights of a police cruiser closing in to punish me for failing to support the local economy.

The fact that I half believed the threat is evidence that I had been influenced by the idea that police are out to make money, that they have a quota to fill. We've all heard these stories and police and local governments throughout the country have always vehemently denied the charge.

George Hacking, who heads Public Safety at Lyndon State College served for many years on the Vermont State Police. Once in a while, he recalls, if you pulled someone over near the end of the month, they would suggest that the stop is because the officer needs to fill his monthly quota. But during his entire career, no one ever suggested to him or anyone else he knew that they should write more tickets.

But the week before last, the village of Lyndonville broke new ground by publicly announcing that the Town's three-man force had only issued a fifth of the tickets called for on the Town budget. To publicly state

that the law would be used to extract money from unsuspecting visitors and locals, would seem to be highly unethical if not actually illegal.

Some students of Lyndon State College have already experienced the new policy and we wanted to know what the local police chief thought about. So we sat down with him and listened to what he had to say.

To start with, Chief Jack Harris was never consulted; he learned about the new policy only after it was announced to the press. Several years ago, when he moved up from Connecticut to take the job in Lyndonville, he and the town had an understanding that what was wanted was community-based policing. Since then Harris has tried his best to do just that and feels he has succeeded. It has been department policy for years to issue warnings on a driver's first offence in town. The idea is to get people to drive safely, to make the town a safer place to live, not to extract revenue. Now Harris has been ordered by his municipal bosses to shift gears and bring in cash.

But how is it possible that the Village could have budgeted five times the revenue that this year's traffic violations have generated? Has the three-man force dramatically relaxed enforcement efforts? Not at all. Harris explains that this year's budget had an incremental increase. The idea, presumably, is that we should do a little better this year than last. But that still doesn't explain the demand for a massive increase of 500% in traffic and parking ticket revenues.

But last year's revenues included substantial federal grant funds. Those funds are no longer available. What to do? Simple, make up the difference by issuing five times as many traffic tickets. Sounds like a fifth-grade arithmetic problem, doesn't it?

Finals Week Blues: It's Your Own Fault

Marc Samson
Photo Editor

As another semester comes to an end and final exams and project deadlines approach, I hear countless plaintive cries like: "Can't it be over yet?" That's understandable. What's not acceptable is the endless whining from students who say, "I have so much to do..." (Insert long list here)" and let's not forget the notorious, "Don't talk to me about stress levels..."

But let's face it. So many people put themselves into these situations. I understand the occasional semester from hell, where nearly every teacher assigns papers and projects at the same time. Everyone has had or will have this happen to them before they graduate. Or bad things can happen, things like car accidents, work outside of school, or the loss of a loved one. But that's life, isn't it?

What is most annoying are complaints from those who procrastinated or partied when they should have been studying. In many cases, work has been put off even when assignments, projects, and papers have existed even before Thanksgiving Break. You argue that you forgot out about it... but seriously? Did you ever think to check your syllabus, just in case? Nope, decided not to... that would have prevented this long list and a "right" to complain. If you hadn't waited until the last minute, if you actually thought about the work that had to be done, a week ago, hell, at least over this past weekend, you wouldn't be in the hotseat right now.

I used to complain every semester: *You think you have stress?* or *You have no idea what I have to do...* but the truth is, most every student does. We have those who took 21 credits, those who work and go to school and those rare cases where teachers assign everything, but let's look at this realistically, everyone has finals, whether it be creative portfolios, papers or huge projects, with final exams the following week. *Everyone has stress. Everyone has it bad.* Don't complain if you put things off till the last minute. Don't think you are in a worse situation than the person sitting next to you. It's the end of the semester; even our professors feel it.

Harris has no choice. His bosses are calling the shots. But it may not be a coincidence that he has been announcing the results of the ticketing policy on a more or less daily basis.

People are already beginning to protest. Some are saying that they will do their Christmas shopping elsewhere. You can't get a ticket in Lyndonville if you skirt around the village. Others are promising to give the town officials that came up with this idea a good drubbing at the next Village meeting. It's called Democracy.

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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Angry Ani Speaks Out:

Christmas, Not Xmas!!!!

(Singing) I'm dreaming of a white Christmas... NOT ALL OF THIS EFFING RAIN IN LYNDONVILLE. Come on mother nature, it's December, give me some snow so I'll finally have something to do other than bitch about things that make me angry. I feel like half of the students who go to LSC come here for skiing or snowboarding, spend half a year waiting for the temperature to drop, pray for the first fresh whumping pile of snow, and when it hasn't even come by DECEMBER, they get a little pissed. On top of all the waiting, we don't even get some sunshine, we get rain, and if you didn't know by now, rain, water sports, and being wet in general, make me angry. So for the sake of Lyndon State College's hood-rat population, SNOW!

"Nom nom nom." Guess what I'm doing? Eating you say? WRONG. I'm mocking every dumbass that has to say that everytime they ingest food into their mouth. Don't people know they shouldn't eat with their mouth open, let alone verbalize that they're eating, WHILE EATING?! Nom Nom

Nom-ing makes me angry.

Back to the whole subject of Christmas, which is one of my favorite times of year, there's a few things people do that just agitate me this time of year. One: People who post a countdown until Christmas as their facebook status every single day until Christmas. What's worse is when it's like 89 degrees out in the middle of summer and some moron posts their status as, "Only 112 days until Christmas! :)" REALLY? You just get out of a swimming pool and THAT'S what comes to your mind?! That makes me angry.

Two: The abbreviation "xmas," makes me angry. I really can't elaborate that much on this because how much can I possibly say? I mean when I see "X" in front of something I think of the word "cross." For example, XC = CROSS country. LAX = laCROSSE. RAILROAD XING = railroad CROSSING. XMAS DOES NOT = CROSSMAS. I swear the person to coin that abbreviate must have been drunk or illiterate.

Inflatable Santa's, reindeers, snowmen, snow globes, and

Christmas-clad Winnie the Poohs make me angry. Yeah that's right, there is a person in Lyndonville who has an inflatable Winnie the Pooh, in a sleigh being pulled by that 'freaking donkey with a Santa hat on. WHY? What ever happened to like, dare I say the corny clichéd, "true meaning of Christmas?" I don't even mean the whole religion aspect either - I just want to know where the hell Winnie the Pooh gets off replacing Santa?! Bottom line, inflatable anything, pisses me off.

Finally, on the subject of tacky-ass Christmas decorations, multicolored Christmas lights are just straight irritating. Really? ROY-G-BIV? For Christmas? No people. There's just so many colors, I feel like I should be in a candy store. In my opinion, Jewish people keep it classy around the holidays; white lights are where it's at. However, if you really have some odd fetish for multicolored lights, or a personal vendetta against white lights, might I suggest the exception - the multicolored blue, green, red, and white lights. I actually have to



Multicolored lights make me furious!

Photo by Eric Blaisdell

say they make a nice match, and it's an agreeable equilibrium on my eyes...

So there you have it bitches, all of the things about the holidays that make me angry. I guess, in spite of the holiday spirit though, I'll list a couple of things that make me really happy this time of year: SNOW,

candy canes, cheesy-ass Christmas carols, the movie Elf, people who put wreaths on the front of their cars, the fact that last year around this time I discovered Ocean State Job Lot, sugar on snow, and most importantly THE END OF THIS SEMESTER. HAPPY HOLIDAYS BITCHES!

Vox Populi

To the Esteemed Editor,

Rarely do I read the rousing reports revealed in the 'Critic'. I often wondered why I wouldn't want to browse the work of eight unwavering editors. But while contemplating why this "Critic" creation made me so cross, I came to the conclusion that copious quantities of alliteration may be the

source. With tiny three-term titles that tend to be trite when compared to the tabloids of other student bodies, it's no surprise that even the most enticing articles turn the student to seek supplementary forms of 'the scoop'.

I believe my point has been made...if anyone made it this far.

Within Vol. 58.10 alone, finding the titles "Oodles of

Moodle," "Quote to Note," "Midnight Munchies for the Studious Student," "Campus Calendar," "Ryan's Review by Ryan Rutledge," "Lockout Lifted," "Women's Basketball Renewing Rivalries," "Men's Basketball not Bothered By Losses," "Musings of a Maniacal Music Man," "Home for the Holidays," "So Sue Me," and "Shakespeare in Short" was enough to drive any student de-

sirous of reading a creative, well-formed student paper back to elementary school. Why? Because rhyming a title or two was cute when we were in fourth grade. Rhyming all the titles except two - not cool.

Remember that a headline is not only supposed to draw in the viewer, but a headline is the proverbial 'book cover'. It. Will. Be. Judged. Could your reading public increase if the

paper's quality of language increased? Would there be more people interested in student journalism?

I believe a 'yes' on both accounts.

So, for the sake of students and all stuff scholarly, please give it a shot.

Amber Haas
Lyndon State College

Editorial: Haters Gonna Hate

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

"Men walk on moon"-The New York Times

"Shuttle explodes, survivors unlikely"-The Louisville Times

"Army rift reported in Beijing...Bush bars arms sales"-The New York Times

"Terror's toll"-The Herald Dispatch

Rhymes, alliteration, and puns are literary devices which, when used properly, are very effective at capturing a reader's attention. Their use is not uncommon in newsprint journalism headlines and is certainly

not "unscholarly." These devices are not only common in national papers, but also in respected college papers:

"Expelling work, embracing entitlement" - The Yale Daily Review

"Body disappointed in board"-The Daily Collegian

As of Wednesday, the Castleton State Spartan's website featured five out of eight lead stories with headlines that contained alliteration and/or rhyming.

I could go on.

Many of the strongly rhymed and alliterate headlines

that appear in The Critic are seen on the entertainment pages, which have a greater leeway with these literary devices due to their fun nature. Some of the most well-known weekly columns have titles that utilize these devices (Ask Amy-The Chicago Tribune, 'Savage Love: Straight Answers'-syndicated columnist Dan Savage). Often alliterate headlines are key to remembering a columnist's name, "Angry Ani" and "Ryan's Review" work well for name association.

Being assaulted with too much alliteration and rhyming would be horrible in one head-

line, but the layout of a paper allows for space between these headlines. I will admit to making the mistake of too much alliteration in one headline (Midnight Munchies for the Studious Student), but for the size of our staff and the amount of time we have to put a paper together, I stand by the overall product we produce weekly. We are a student paper, we learn by experience, and there will always be some mistakes.

The staff of the Critic works very hard (often working until one a.m. Thursday nights)

to bring the Lyndon State Community a quality publication every week. Let me assure you, we do not just "print anything." I could go on for many paragraphs listing specific news articles, opinion columnists, and reviewers that have enriched the quality of the writing printed in The Critic.

As the semester ends, I hope people judge the Critic. Not only do we have some amazing student writers, but we have a fresh new layout. I am proud of this paper and its staff and don't regret a single minute of work.

Editor of The Critic: Communist?



Photo by Sierra Willenberg

Blaisdell looks ponderingly at the image of Kim Jong Il.

Peter Nute News Editor

A certain letter to the editor from a giant purple people eater spliced with a fairy in last week's edition of the Critic caused a minor uproar in production, generated a rift between co-workers and divided readers. Never before (at least in my estimation) has two seem-

ingly harmless sentences caused such a heated debate of what is and what isn't proper to publish.

The editor of the Critic, Eric Blaisdell, has recently made it a goal of his to never even consider censoring what his writers choose to write, what his readers choose to read, or what those inclined to write a letter to the editor choose to send in.

These newfound revelations, as well as a strong penchant to wear red and the sudden appearance of a photograph of Kim Jong Il that made it on to the wall of the Critic office have caused some to wonder: is it possible that the editor of the Critic is a communist?

Unlike what the United States generally considers communism, Blaisdell believes in not putting a filter on what the people say.

In June of 1928 James P. Cannon - former national secretary of the Communist League of America - wrote a letter to the political committee who was postponing the publication of his own paper, the Daily Worker due to the content of the stories, the small amount of "experienced" writers, and the supposed lack of direction and support. "Our paper... should not be confined to the groove of any established 'newspaper' standard. We should not fear to blaze a new trail in form as well as in substance and to make a pattern of our own. We must have more features in the paper, especially light and interesting

features, as a balance to the heavier material."

Though Blaisdell was not familiar with Cannon, his newspaper, or the excerpt above from "James P. Cannon and the Early Years of American Communism," his beliefs in what the Critic is, what it should be, and the direction the paper is going in are strong - echoing to a certain extent Cannon's sentiments.

"The paper (the Critic) is for the people. It is the voice of the people. It is made by the people," Blaisdell said. "Everybody has the chance to say what they want to say. Everyone who has an opinion is welcome to that opinion. I'm not going to put my own bias, my own views into what gets published because this is a student paper for the students."

The changes the Critic will be going through will be "subtle at first," according to Blaisdell. "It will gain momentum. A story here and there. Get people thinking about what's best for the people, not so much what's best for the individual."

Understanding that Blaisdell's views are not directly associated with communism, this still has not explained the photograph of Kim Jong Il on the wall.

"Well," Blaisdell said while glancing at the photo. "He seems to be doing pretty well."

Blaisdell believes that "Kim Jong Il has nothing but North Korea's best interests at heart. He's a role model to try to base your life around if you want to be successful and spread your word efficiently and effectively." Blaisdell added that "there shouldn't be dictators or tyrants. No leaders; no anarchy. For the people."

When asked if he was concerned that people may believe that he is communist by taking on these views and suddenly hanging photos of Kim Jong Il on the walls of the Critic office, he answered "I don't see the downfall."

So is it really possible that a red shirt wearing, Kim Jong Il worshipping editor of a college newspaper is in fact a communist? Perhaps. Or maybe the Critic will just publish anything.

Public Safety Log

The Campus

12/3 Poland -

Alcohol Under
21 and Drugs

*So let's get party
going, let's get a
party going! Now
it's time to party and
we'll party hard!
PARTY HARD!*

12/3 Poland -

Destruction of
Property

*Bawitdaba da bang
a dang diggy diggy
diggy said he boogie
said up jump the
boogie!*

12/5 Stonehenge Parking Lot -
Marijuana

"How did his eyes get so red...?"

12/5 Wheelock -
Alcohol Under 21
*"... and what the hell's
on Joey's head?"*

12/2 Vail -
Missing End Table
*"It was messing with the
feng shui of the room."*

12/3

Stonhenge

Parking Lot

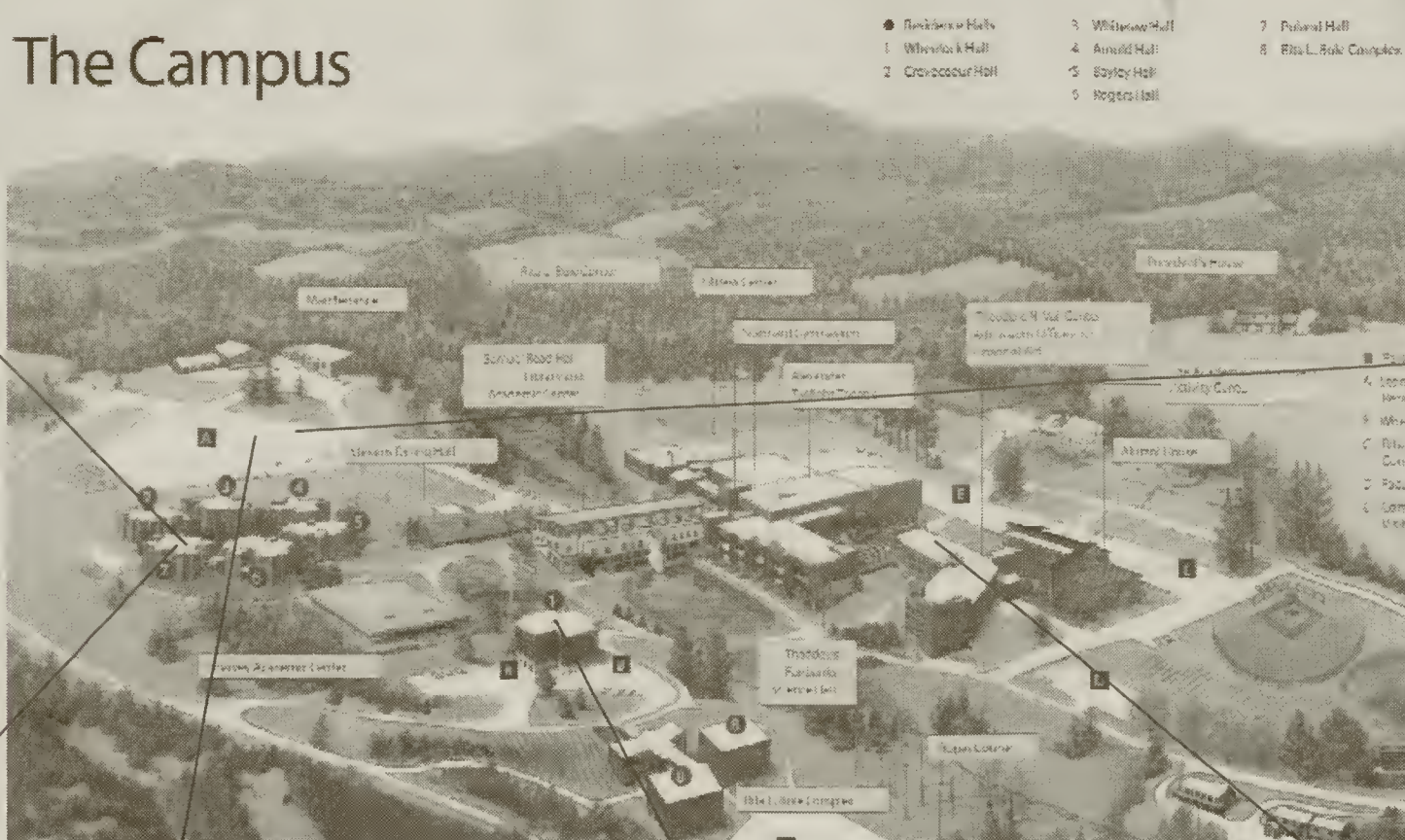
- Reckless

Driver

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\$10 Million or Bust

The Second Century Campaign Nearing Completion

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

The finish line is in sight for the largest financial campaign Lyndon State College has undertaken.

The second century campaign to raise \$10 million is less than \$500,000 from its goal.

"We had never done anything more than a \$500,000 concentrated campaign before this campaign," said dean of institutional advancement Bob Whittaker. "We are not aware of any other college within our system that has done a similar level comprehensive campaign as we are conducting right now. We are close to success and that is a great thing."

The money is going to areas such as athletics, scholarships, educational equipment and general operation of the college. The campaign has three areas of focus.

"One is to strengthen and support our nationally competitive academic programs, those programs that are often referred to as our signature programs," he said.

Those programs are electronic journalism arts, meteorology, mountain recreation management and exercise science.

The second objective is to become a leader in serving first in family modest income students and the third is to strengthen LSC's position as an economic engine within the

Northeast Kingdom, Whittaker said.

Alumni have been the focus on attaining the funds to meet those objectives.

"We have approximately 8000 alumni; we have approximately 30 percent of them contributing to the campaign," he said. "That is a good participation rate. However, we'd like to see it much higher. That takes time."

One of the bigger goals of the campaign, that may not happen, is to build an all-weather field for sports.

"Particularly where we are with the campaign now, we see it is unlikely that the goal that's attached to that particular project, which is about a million and a half dollar project," he said. "However, we see the campaign as a way for us to get the message out about that and we still think it is viable that we might attract someone that might provide a leadership gift to that specific project."

The large price tag attached to the field is what is keeping it from being realized at this point.

"To get a project like that off the ground we really need at least a \$500,000 base as a leadership gift," Whittaker said. "That would really create the momentum where we could definitely say yes this is a project we are doing and here is a timeline by which we think we can complete it."

Some of the things that

Lyndon State College Centennial Campaign Totals April 20, 2005 to November 18, 2011

	Cash	In-Kind	Pledge	Total
Annual Fund	729,028.08	-	27,421.50	\$ 756,449.58
Program/AF Restricted	3,136,645.24	71,719.50	466,540.90	\$ 3,674,905.64
Endowment - Scholarships	484,896.93	-	26,430.00	\$ 511,326.93
Endowment - Other	342,405.50	-	-	\$ 342,405.50
Capital	668,013.00	561,412.07	46,328.00	\$ 1,275,753.07
Deferred	37,090.04	-	987,400.00	\$ 1,024,490.04
Sponsored Programs	733,652.53	-	1,252,054.97	\$ 1,985,707.50
Total	\$ 6,131,731.32	\$ 633,131.57	\$ 2,806,175.37	\$ 9,571,038.26

Table supplied by Bob Whittaker shows what money has been brought in so far.

have been realized and already put into use or been purchased are the Carhartt Advising Center, the McGoff Hill house, backpack journalism units, and the Leahy Center for Rural Students.

One of the goals of the college during this campaign is to get commitments from donors to put LSC into their estate planning so, after they die, the college will receive funds from their estate.

"The reality is a lot of people in their lifetime their wealth is wrapped up in real estate and retirement plans and life insurance policies and different assets that they aren't able to liquidate during their lifetime, but are liquidated upon death," said Whittaker. "There is a great opportunity there when you can enter into that level of conversation and talk with people about the tax opportunities that can be realized in a way to minimize the taxes that might be felt by your beneficiaries. It's a pretty

standard ingredient in any sophisticated, developed giving program"

Whittaker put it simpler terms.

"The quip is that there are three places your money will go when you die: the government, family and friends or a charity. Pick two," he said. "During your lifetime is when you can choose where you want it to go."

The money is broken down into seven categories: annual fund, program/AF restricted, endowment for scholarships, endowments - other, capital, deferred and sponsored programs.

The annual fund is unrestricted giving where the money can be used for the general operating fund and support the basic needs of the college.

The program/AF restricted piece is for those who want their money to go towards a certain part of the college.

Endowments for scholarships help fund the scholarships

given out each year.

"When we started the campaign we had approximately 30 endowments at the college, we are now up to over 50 endowments," said Whittaker.

Other endowments go towards funding programs.

Capital projects include the naming rights to the Academic and Student Services Center and the Carhartt Advising Center.

Sponsored program grants come from the government and go towards areas like the Leahy Center and Incubator Without Walls, which focuses on building a skilled workforce for the region.

"We've been very clear in going into this campaign that this campaign is really about growing our infrastructure and development operations so we can be positioned either for the next campaign or for the ongoing growth of our development program," said Whittaker.

A full rundown of who has given to the campaign can be found at www.lyndonstatecritic.

Welcome to the Party: Two New Clubs

Katelyn Zenie
Critic Staff

Two new clubs passed at the last student government meeting.

The Literary Society and the Gay Straight Alliance both got lots of support from SGA. The Literary Society passed unanimously, while the Gay Straight Alliance passed with only one abstention.

Both clubs have been successful on campus in the past, and members are looking forward to building these clubs up to their previous standing, and beyond.

Britton Durham, a freshman and the GSA president, initiated reactivation of the club, which has been on and off for about 15 years here on campus. Durham says, "The purpose of the LSC gay straight alliance is to provide a supportive and safe environment for lesbian, gay, and bisexual students, as well as faculty, staff and their allies to discuss acts of discrimination on campus, and work with the appropriate authorities to resolve these issues in a safe and confidential manner."

Hannah Hamel, the newly appointed SGA rep of this club, says the club is trying to raise

awareness within many different groups. Hamel says the club will start looking at possible events on campus, even try to involve Lyndon Institute in awareness events.

Torrance Gaucher, a member of the GSA says, "I feel, by bringing [GSA] back, it will bring a stronger voice to our campus and to our community. We're hoping to reach out into our community and help out the younger kids that may be struggling with gender identity issues."

The GSA currently has 45 members on facebook, and plans on holding their next meeting

within the next few weeks.

The Literary Society is a new club that will develop a 32-page art and literature magazine once every spring. Samantha VanSchoick, the president of this club, says the group is excited to start gathering submissions to the magazine as early as this month and into February. The club will then begin layout and hopes to send the first issue out for printing in April.

The magazine gives creative writers, photographers, artists, and graphic designers the chance to have their work published.

Nicholas Brien, a member

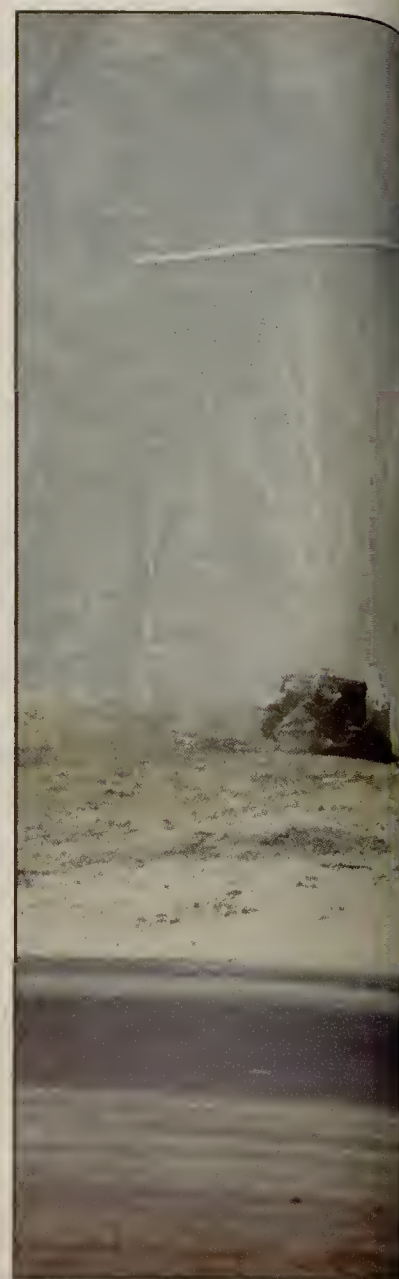
of the group says, "We have a lot of interest from graphic design majors, electronic journalism, creative writing people, and photography people. It's a good way to build up your résumé." Brien goes on to say, "It's a good opportunity for us, but it's also a good opportunity for students to show off their work."

The group plans to fundraise and network in many ways, including selling the magazine to bookstores in the area and to students here on campus. This club wants to recruit freshmen and sophomores on campus who are dedicated and passionate about their work.



Above: A helicopter carries materials for Burke Mountain's new high-speed lift. Lake Willoughby is visible on the left in the background. Right: The helicopter waits at the resort.

Photos by Kriston Hall



Burke Gets Lifted

Kriston Hall
Critic Correspondent

As the clock hits 8 am silence prevails across the mountain, the helicopter still isn't here yet.

It's a day late already, held up on a cell phone tower job in Maine, but word from the foreman is, it will be here by 9. Looking over the Mid Burke parking lot, workers busy themselves with bolting down one of the short columns that supports the base of the lift while they wait. Parts bins and rows of unstrung chairs are scattered around one lot, with organized

rows of tower sections and cross arm assemblies for 17 lift towers waiting to be airlifted in another.

The steady low hum of massive metal rotors washes over the mountainside, workers and onlookers begin to stir with anticipation. The sound precedes the helicopter by what seems like two or three minutes. When the helicopter arrived (around 9:00am) they unloaded tools and supplies, fueled up and ran their pre-flight checks. Only an hour after they landed the towers were being flown up, starting with the last tower be-

fore the summit terminal and coming down.

Since they were starting way up top I decided to hike up and try to get a good vantage point for some photos as they came down. I was told that without a hard hat and high visibility vest I wasn't allowed within a hundred feet of the action or anywhere under the flight path. That presented some issues for me because a hundred feet of woods between you and your subject makes for nothing but good pictures of trees.

The new lift has been under construction since May, start-

ing with the cutting of the path from the base of the lift up to the new summit. Clearing the path involved cutting down every tree and removing boulders, this is no easy task on the steep slopes of Burke. After the path was cut wooden forms were built around bolt assemblies for the tower bases and the Sikorsky S-61 construction helicopter was flown in for the first time.

The helicopter was used to haul 6,000 pound loads of concrete up the mountain to forms that were too far away from the access road for trucks. The helicopter used a large container suspended from its belly by a steel cable. The container was filled from a cement mixer and then flew up the mountain and hovered over each form. The concrete was emptied into the form and the helicopter headed downhill to fill up again.

The woods along tower 9 seemed the best I thought to myself. I surveyed every site from the bottom to tower 12 on my way up and 9 had the best cover and view of the foundation. Using a downed tree, loose branches and leaves I made a small hideout and set up my camera. The trail near tower 9 is quite straight so I had to hide long before the towers near me were being installed so I wouldn't be seen by the safety official that was looking downhill, for people doing exactly what I was doing.

It seemed like an hour before the helicopter finally hovered just above the ridge ahead of me, tower 10 was finally going in. Once I heard the helicopter start to leave I looked through the branches in my hideout and saw the crew coming over the ridge, leaving tower 10 almost as fast as the chopper. The jingling from their tools and harnesses was audible even over the sound of the rotors as they reached the foundation of tower 9.

By the time I stealthily weaseled out of my branch and log hideaway the chopper was back with the tower. The wind coming from the rotors was more intense than I had anticipated and not only had it knocked over my camera but it was pushing down on the trees around me so heavily I could no longer see through them. Making careful note of who was looking where, I moved up about ten feet and hid behind a large tree. Peeking around the edges I was only about thirty feet away from the tower and about ten from the safety official.

The crew on the ground guided the tower down by hand onto the bolts protruding from the foundation and screwed on the nuts to hold them in place. In the loud, unbelievably windy next two minutes the tower was in place, bolted and unhooked from the chopper. Then it went back down for the cross arm assembly which holds the sheave



A view down the new lifeline



wheels and carries the weight of the cable.

As the safety official moved slowly downhill scanning the trail side to side I had to crouch down behind a downed tree to stay out of sight. Before he had moved far enough away for me to get back into a position and keep shooting the helicopter was back with the cross arm.

When the cross arm came in it was guided into place with ropes by men on the ground while two more men climbed up the tower to bolt it down while the massive metal frame swung just inches above their heads. Almost as fast as the tower, it was over and everyone else moved to the next site while the two men on the tower tightened the bolts on the cross arm. A resounding "WHOOA!" echoed over the mountain as the two men came down and joined the other crew.

The rules stated that spectators could be above the sites so long as they had already been completed and the crew was further down, so I know they wouldn't say anything to me, besides, they were in too good of a mood. I came out of the woods not far behind them, they had all 17 towers were up by the end of the day with minimal delay.

Once the towers were in place the crew started the base and summit terminals. The terminals house the bull wheels that actually drive the cable, all of the chairs and the passengers up the mountain and the massive motor that provides the push.

The last step will be to run

the cable from top to bottom and have it spliced together. There are only a handful of licensed lift cable splicers in the country due to the significance of the work. The cables are pulled apart on both ends, how far back you go is proportional to the length of the lift, the longer it is the longer the splice is. Half of the strands are then removed from each side and "married" back into each other.

Once the cable is up the chairs are attached, weighted down with more weight than they will hold under operation and tested. As long as everything stays in place that's it, the

chair is complete and ready to ride.

Burke Mountain has been a staple of Lyndon State College Student's winter diet for decades. Its proximity to campus, quality of riding and value for money make it a no brainer for skiers and riders. The addition of the new lift this season makes that decision even easier. Five new trails and a brand new four person high speed quad, who wouldn't be excited? This lift will begin service at Mid-Burke and continuing onto a higher new summit and drastically reduce the time from mid burke to the top from fifteen



Above: Workers set one of the towers for the new lift
Below: The cross arm is lowered onto the tower



Above: The sun peaks out from behind one of the new towers
Below: Construction for the high speed quad at Burke



Lady Hornets Try to Find Their Wings

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Members of the Lyndon State College Women's Basketball team are trying to get things rolling again before Christmas break.

As of right now, the team is 1-4. That includes an 0-2 record in North Atlantic Conference games. The Lady Hornets suffered a blowout 85-43 road loss to NAC newcomers Colby-Sawyer, and a tough 59-48 home loss to New England College.

Junior forward/center Donna Lawson thinks that the team needs to gel more going forward.

"For the past two games, I learned that we have a lot more to cover as a team," Lawson said. "There's a lot of new faces, and we need to come together and have good chemistry."

There are definitely encouraging signs, especially given the difference in the team's play between the Colby-Sawyer and New England College game.

"There was definitely improvement from the Colby-Sawyer game to the New England College game," Lawson said. "We were into it physically, and we were just getting after it a lot more."

Nevertheless, Lawson still sees ways that the Lady Hornets can improve in anticipation of upcoming NAC conference

games.

"We need to have that mental aspect," Lawson said. "We just need to come together and focus on the game, what we need to do. We need to bring the defensive effort and hustle up and down the court; guards shoot it when you're open, and if the post players are posted up, give 'em the ball."

The team has benefited when giving Lawson the ball in the post. Currently, she is seventh in the NAC in points per game (14.5), and tied for first in rebounds per game (10.5).

Lawson plans to stay on top things during the 20-day break in between games.

"I'm going to practice on my own," Lawson said. "I'll go to my high school and practice with the high school players so I can get up and down the court."

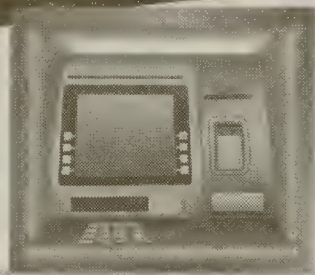
There is only one more game for the Lady Hornets before Christmas break, and it is a big one. This Saturday the team will travel to Johnson State College for its third NAC conference game of the season before it plays two non-conference games at North Carolina Wesleyan on December 30 and hosts Saint Joseph's of Maine on January 4. After that, the Lady Hornets will have a slew of seven straight conference games all the way through January 21.



Photos by Eric Blaisdell

Top: Jasmin Amaral shoots a layup against New England College. LSC lost 59-48.
Bottom Left: Donna Lawson ripping the steal from a NEC player.
Bottom Right: Chelsea Watson putting up a shot against the stingy NEC defense.

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Men's Basketball Searching for First Win

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

The first nine games of the 2011-2012 regular season are ones that the Lyndon State College men's basketball team would like to forget.

Sitting at an 0-9 record, the team will look to getting healthier and adding more depth to the roster for the second semester of the basketball season.

Two of the Hornet's guards, freshman Patrick Dunn and sophomore Algie Lovelace, both suffered injuries in the first games they played this semester. Dunn went down with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus in his right knee, which will require him to miss the rest of the season. Lovelace, however, is expected to return after suffering a broken bone in his left wrist.

Once Lovelace suffered his injury, his first thoughts were about how his loss would affect the team.

"I instantly thought about the team and how the team was going to suffer because really there is no other point guard that can really run the offense," Lovelace said. "I just wanted to

know as soon as possible when I could recover and the things I could do to speed up my recovery."

The offense for the Hornets has certainly struggled without Lovelace in the lineup, ranking toward the bottom in points scored in the North Atlantic Conference.

However, Lovelace thinks that the team has done the best it could do with such little depth.

"It's no doubt that they're doing the best that they can, you know, with that the pieces that we have," Lovelace said. "We're very small in depth, not too much depth at all, so we're doing what we can."

There is only one game left for the Hornets left before break, and it is a big one. The team must travel to Johnson State College on Saturday for its third NAC contest of the season.

Yet for Lovelace and the crew, Christmas break cannot come soon enough.

"Hopefully we can take this break, I can get healthy, and we can rebuild," Lovelace said. "We got a couple of new guys coming in for second semester, just to

add for more depth. We're definitely going to have to go from there."

The idea of bringing in new bodies for second semester is exciting to Lovelace, who should be healthy by that point and time.

"The guys coming in second semester will be a big addition," Lovelace said. "I look at the other teams in the league, and they're not really more talented than us. They just have more bodies to get in there and produce minutes, and that's what we lack."

Until then, Lovelace is doing whatever he can to help the team.

"I just try to motivate the guys in a positive way, tell them not to get too complacent. You know, the harder we work and practice, the better we'll look in the game," Lovelace said. "Basically, my role has become just a supporter off on the bench. While I'm on the bench, I tell the guys little things I see that are helping to change the game a little bit to our pace."

Though Lovelace enjoys being a sort of assistant coach to the team, he is still aching to get back into action.



Photo by Lyndon Athletics

Ben Sackett tries to score against New England College

"Watching the guys play and watching them perform without me definitely motivates me and gets me wanting to get hyped to get back on the court," Lovelace said.

A couple of conference games will test the Hornets' ros-

ter before second semester can begin. The team will travel to Thomas College and Maine-Farmington on January 6 and January 7 before hosting four other conference opponents: Castleton, Husson, and Maine Maritime.

The National BS Bowl

John Kazar
Alex Farnworth
Critic Columnists

Flawed. Unfair. Flat-out stupid: These are some of the words used to describe the bowl system in college football.

Teams like Boise State, who have had single digit amount of losses in the past three years have still not gotten a chance at a BSC National Championship because of this system. This year, you have an undefeated LSU team vs. an Alabama team who the Tigers have already defeated. This year's problem rises when a one loss Oklahoma St. team (second highest scoring in the nation/best turnover ratio) got snubbed of a title game because Alabama plays in the SEC where it was provided with a tougher schedule.

The Oklahoma State Cowboys beat two top-ten teams, one being Oklahoma in the last game of the season where they dismantled the Sooners. Alabama on the other hand already had its

chance to beat the LSU Tigers and did not have the opportunity to face any other top-ten teams. Questions are raised on who to call the best team if they never get a shot in the championship game.

The Heisman Trophy is arguably the most prestigious award in all of sports. This year's candidates include two of the nation's top quarterbacks, a record breaking running back, a steam-rolling running back and one of the most electrifying players from the nation's top defense.

Robert Griffin III, otherwise known as RG3, had a successful year in 2010, but has separated himself from good players to the elite players. The Baylor quarterback put up video game like numbers including a 36-6 Touchdown-Interception ratio. RG3 is a law student and a tremendous athlete, which makes him a good fit for the Heisman club.

Stanford sensation Andrew Luck has been all the hype for both the Heisman and the number one overall pick in the draft the past two

seasons. Luck was the runner up for last year's award. His character (on-and-off the field leadership) and statistics exhibit why he deserves this award.

Montee Ball, running back for the Wisconsin Badgers, put up numbers this year similar to the numbers Barry Sanders put up when he won the Heisman back in 1988. Ball averaged one touchdown every eight times he touched the football. He was the focal point of the high-powered Wisconsin offense that continuously beat ranked opponents all season long.

Listed at 5'11" and made up of 224 pounds of pure muscle, Trent Richardson is a freight train. The star running back from Alabama rushed for 1,583 yards and 20 TDs, and there is no doubt he is the most well-rounded back in college football.

Tyrann Mathieu, a.k.a. The Honey Badger, has put together one of the greatest single seasons in defensive player history. Mathieu is a cornerback of #1 rated LSU defense. He led the nation in forced fumbles, recorded two punt return touchdowns and found himself in the end zone

on two other occasions. If Mathieu wins the Heisman, he will be the second defensive player ever to do so.

You can watch two of the five Heisman finalists in this year's National Title game between the Alabama Crimson Tide and the LSU Tigers on January 9.

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Lyndon Listed: What I Will and Will Not Miss

Dave Marks
Critic Correspondent

Coming into Lyndon as freshman, I had no idea what I was getting myself into.

I knew it was a small school in Vermont, and I would get "experience" learning college things. I knew there was a hockey team, and a radio station. I also knew there was a really good diner in town before coming here.

I never knew quite how powerful the experiences would be. I didn't know how strong of a community there was. I knew that I would have a good time here, but I couldn't (and still can't) predict how much I would eventually miss these things after graduating Lyndon.

First is hockey. Hockey ranks number one on a lot of my lists, so there is no surprise that it would show up here. I love the game of hockey, and was lucky to be surrounded by it at Lyndon. There are many people at Lyndon who love the game of hockey as much as I do, and it was nice to be know them and share that love for the game. Whether it was ice hockey, pond hockey, floor hockey, or fantasy hockey. Watching the 2010 gold medal game with Jonathan Davis, my good friends Andy Saltarella and Robbie Swietek, that will be one of my favorite memories of all time. The energy in that room when Zach Parise tied that game with 24 seconds left was unreal. Being on the 2009 ice hockey team with Ricky Paparo, Chris Peltier, and Andy Saltarella to name a few. That was a dream of mine that I never thought I would be able to accomplish.

So much snow makes my "will miss" and "won't miss" list. Being one of those few who doesn't ski or snowboard, the snow was never really that special to me. But its an amazing thing that we often take for granted. It still is a pain in the neck thing at times, but I will miss the days of sophomore and junior year when it seemed to snow six or seven days a week.

The things I won't miss are burdens: research, studying, ten page papers. Yes, they can all be aggravating at times. At the same time, they are good things that contributed to knowledge and learning. So they really aren't that bad. The isolation in Vermont is part of what Lyndon is. Like I said, the snow is on both lists. And freshman. They take over and pass on the torch. The traditions and foundations that we have built here.

Will Miss

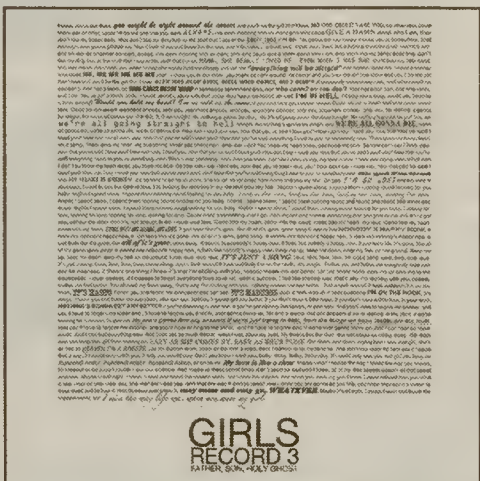
1. Hockey
2. Friends
3. Adventure
4. Community
5. Ms. Lyndonville Diner
6. So much snow
7. Radio Station
8. Packing House
9. Classes
10. The landscape

Won't Miss

1. Isolation of Vermont
2. Studying
3. Ten page papers
4. Freshmen
5. So much snow
6. Research



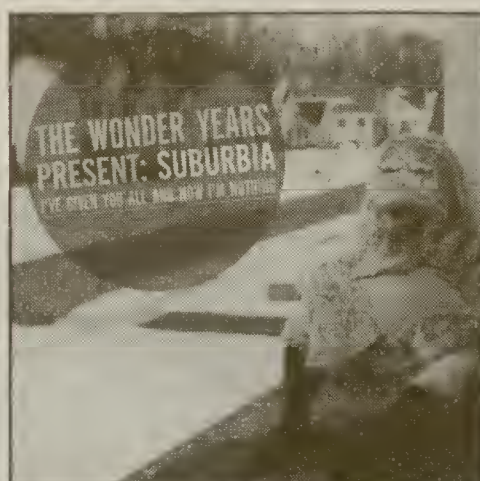
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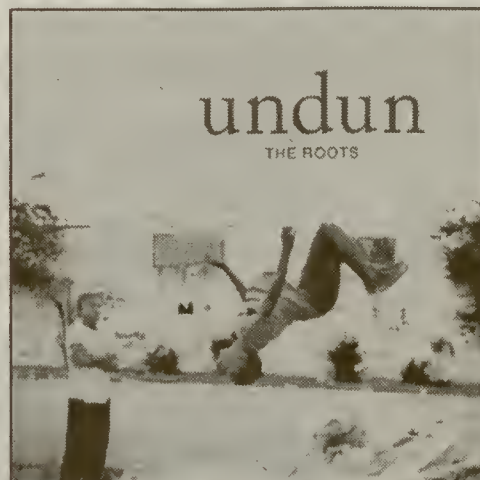
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Ryan's Year in Reviews: Top Five Albums & Top Ten Songs

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

1. **The Wonder Years - Suburbia, I've Given You All and Now I'm Nothing**

The Wonder Years have always been consistently great with their music and this album is an outstanding showing of how great these guys are. Based loosely off the poem "America" by Allen Ginsberg, Dan "Soupy" Campbell describes what his life has been for the past year, the struggles he and the band has seen, how things at home have changed while away on tour and making music, and overall just trying to stay positive in a world that's trying to keep you down. The album is stacked with astounding lyricism and musicianship and is a must listen for anyone in my opinion.

2. **Girls - Father, Son, Holy Ghost**

If you've been following music trends over the past couple of years or so you would have noticed a somewhat "retro" explosion with bands like LCD Soundsystem and The Black Keys leading in the somewhat mainstream. The band to really perfect and make the sound their own since LCD Soundsystem has left us would be Girls. Christopher Owens, the groups lead singer and song writer, has essentially taken multiple eras of rock and roll and pop and even indie music and placed his own spin onto all of it and he manages to pull it off flawlessly.

3. **The Roots - Undun**

The latest release by the legendary Roots Crew is a fascinating one indeed. The album is essentially a reverse narrative of the life of a young man named Redford Stephens, an inner city youth who is trying to find out who he is and going to be in life. Eventually he ends up dead on a street corner, seen as a criminal. That's where the album begins; on that very street corner where Redford then tries to make sense of his former life and what caused him to come to this point, what made his life unravel to where it is now. Even though the album comes in at a short 38 minutes, it holds heavy meaning and is one hell of a ride.

4. **Frank Ocean - Nostalgia, Ultra**

Frank Ocean is the soul of Odd Future, and I mean that musically of course seeing as he is the only R&B singer of the group. Throughout Nostalgia Frank takes us on a trip with songs of love, his own personal philosophies, and the ways of the past. On this album he sings over samples from a pretty varied group of artists as well (Radiohead, Coldplay, and the Eagles to name the majority) and, honestly, he makes the most listenable version of "Hotel California" I've ever heard. This is one album that just simply bleeds swagger and heart and it's expertly done.

5. **Into It. Over It. - Proper**

This is the second full release from Evan Weiss' Into It. Over It project and it's one amazingly listenable album. I can't tell you how many times I've caught myself listening to this album multiple times. The album draws a lot of it's influence from folk, indie, and emo roots and it combines them all perfectly to make a perfectly cohesive piece of work. Not to mention Weiss' lyricism is top notch, the man can really paint a beautiful picture. You'll find these songs in your head and on you iPod on repeat for weeks.

Honorable Mentions:

1. **Tyler the Creator - Goblin**
2. **Radiohead - King of Limbs**
3. **Stephen Malkmus & The Jicks - Mirror Traffic**

Top 10 Songs of the Year

1. **Tyler, the Creator - "Yonkers"**

This song is as great as it is creepy, and I love every second of it. This song launched Tyler, the Creator and Odd Future for a reason, it's astoundingly good. The beat to this song is something out of nightmares with it's heavy bass hits and creepy synth looming in the background. Also Tyler's flow and lyricism are top notch.

2. **The Rapture - "How Deep is your Love?"**

This song was the best song off of a pretty good album at best. This song is just so heartfelt and passionate, and it's all set to what sounds like the soundtrack to a 80's work out video.

3. **Das Racist - Michael Jackson**

This is one of the biggest songs of the year in every way. This song is Das Racist saying not only are they here, but they're here and ready to make lots of money. They're talking Michael Jackson figures. This song takes the initiative to punch you in the stomach with it's larger than life beat as well.

4. **Girls - "Die"**

Christopher Owens know how to construct a hell of a song. This song starts off like some sort of late 90's to early 00's sounding alt rock song and then, in almost the blink of an eye, you're hearing a slow moving balladesque song. The tempo shift in this song is incredible and will leave you jaw rightfully dropped.

5. **Mister Heavenly - "Bronx Sniper"**

This song starts off in such a mel-low way you think it could end up being some sort of ballad, then you get hit with the drums and heavy guitar. Once you get to the chorus, I guarantee you won't be forgetting this song for a while.

6. **Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks - "Forever 28"**

This song is just a great mix of 90's alternative in the chorus and bouncy pop goodness in the verses. It's a fun song.

7. **The Wonder Years - "Come out Swining"**

Want to learn how to open and album on the right foot? Listen to this song. 'Nuff said.

8. **Kanye West & Jay-Z - "Otis"**

I love this song for 2 major reason. First of all, this is Kanye returning to his old production techniques and it's just awesome. Secondly, this just sounds like Kanye and Jay-z just having fun and that just makes the song so much more enjoyable.

9. **Battles - "Ice Cream"**

This song is about 4:30 of pure synthy instrument fun, if you want something you can just dance to then listen to this song.

10. **Gorilla Warfare Tactics - "Temptations" and "Dark Saber Jedi"**

These guys are probably the best rappers you have yet to hear. "Temptations" takes up more of a late 80's, very early 90's style of rap that's bouncy and fun. While "Dark Saber Jedi" feels more like a track from the Wu-tang Clan.

Grab a Slice of Something New

Dana Berlin
Co-Entertainment Editor

The Pizza Man has recently undergone a major facelift to their business here in Lyndonville, adding a full sit-in bar to their once bland and unadorned shop.

The adored pizza joint has upped the ante for other local businesses and seems to be running away as the choice among places to enjoy a quality beer or meal.

"I think it's a really, really good addition to Lyndonville," said Dan Haycock, a Lyndon State Senior. "It's really awesome to go to a place to sit and have a drink rather than being in a club atmosphere. You can sit and have a beer for the game and talk to friends without loud music blasting in your ear."

The bar showcases five flat screen televisions, eight beers

on tap, and if beer is not your favorite...liquor.

The feel of The Pizza Man is not that of any other bar in Lyndonville. It has two major differences between all of its competitors. It has a more sports-bar-feel, that allows people to get all the benefits of a bar, but also a place to get food and watch a game without people and loud music polluting the airwaves.

It also has a more extensive selection of beverage possibilities while still serving a complete menu. This is completely different than any other pizza place in town. Patrons can have the major selection of drinks like the "club" atmosphere bars, but also the quiet feel of the other pizza places. This bar has the perfect amount of bar to restaurant ratio.

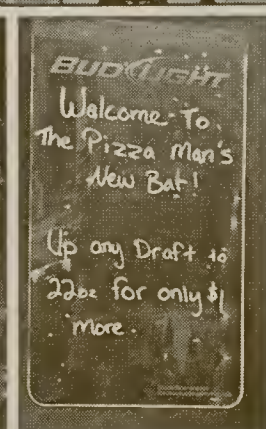
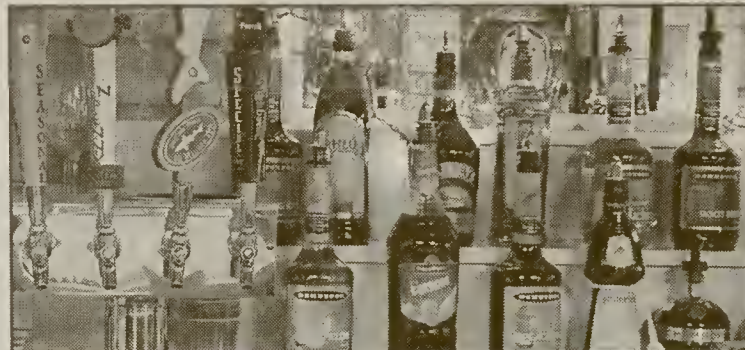
The bar will remain open after the restaurant closes, stay-

ing open until 11PM on weekdays and midnight on weekends. People can still get food after the restaurant closes, but the menu will be limited.

Lyndon Student Corey Pronto likes the additions made at The Pizza Man. "I think it's sick. It's going to bring in a lot more business for them. It creates an environment for the younger and older crowds alike."

Not only has The Pizza Man added a bar to their business, but also they are offering 25-cent wing nights every Monday, and are switching from counter order to full waiter service for their dining patrons.

Employee Courtney Taber-Meckes likes the additions made, "It's great. It will bring in a lot of extra revenue for the business, and the employees. With all the promotions available he [Shane Switser, owner] is doing something right."



Students agree The Pizza Man's new bar has an atmosphere that other area bars cannot offer.

Photos by Sierra Willenberg



Stress Relievers For Exam Week



Morgan Forester
Critic Staff

Congratulations! You have made it through hell week! Everyone knows that exam week is stressful, but this past week has been a whirlwind of projects and final papers which I think is worse. So, give yourself a pat on the back for making it through. Now the pressure isn't off by any means. Exams are next week and although you can take a small breather it's right back to the grind. Try to make time to decompress. Watch a movie this weekend in ASAC 100 or go to the talent show. Remember that grades are important but it's also important to know when to take a break, get food, move around and do something for you. Hope these ideas help get you through the week so you can enjoy your well deserved Christmas Break!

Exercise of the Week: Hill Climbers

Courtesy of Brad Collins, Exercise Science

Get down into a push-up position then raise butt so that you form more of a "V" shape with your body. Staying in this position bring your right knee into your chest then return to starting position. Repeat this motion for your left leg. Alternate bring-

ing your knees in. The faster you do these the more cardio you get. I like to use these as quick study breaks, 20 minutes of work, 2 minutes of hill climbers.

Recipe of the Week: Microwave Chicken Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 bag of Fresh Steamers Mixed Veggies
- 1 bag of Uncle Ben's Brown Ready Rice
- 1 can of Campbell's Broccoli Cheddar Soup
- 1 box of Tyson's Chicken Tenders

Directions:

1. Open Chicken Tenders and place on a microwavable plate
2. Microwave Tenders for 3:15 minutes then turn over the Tenders and continue heating for another 3:15 minutes.
3. Place Veggies in microwave and heat for 5-7 minutes. (It helps to take out in the middle of heating and shake the veggies to get more evenly steamed veggies)
4. Squeeze Ready Rice bag to break up the rice inside then tear open top 2 inches and place in microwave. Cook for 1:30 minutes
5. Open can of soup and

empty contents into a microwavable bowl. Place bowl into microwave and heat for 2:15 minutes. (Stirring the soup half way through cooking time heats the soup more evenly.)

6. In a medium bowl or serving dish combine soup, veggies and rice and stir together until everything is coated with the soup.

7. Place chicken tenders on top of rice and veggie mixture.

8. Grab your roommate or suitemates and enjoy dinner!

Activity of the Week: Jam Out

With so much going on this week it is necessary to just take a breath and do something simple to break up the hours of studying. Make a playlist! It can be calm chill out music, raging get-all-my-frustration-out music or a dance mix so you can have a mini dance party in your suit. Have fun making it. Share it with friends or make them together. Most of all use your playlist this week when you need a study break.



Courtesy of Morgan Forester
Morgan demonstrates a hill climber.

WWLR Gets Horney

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Co-Entertainment Editor

This Saturday, Lyndon's on campus radio station, WWLR, is hosting the second annual "Horneys".

Last year, the event was extremely successful. Over one hundred students, faculty and guests attended the event. This year, club members are expecting nothing less.

"We wanted a large club event each semester," said Cody Fernald, one of the directors of the club.

The awards show has received some buzz.

"People talked about it," said Brien, founder and director of the club.

That is why they are choosing to bring it back again this year.

Fernald explained that the awards would be given out based on the quality of the radio shows.

Brien goes on to say that, "Awards aren't based on the best music played, we look at the commitment and how people present themselves on air."

Brien and Fernald explain that the ten directors of the club choose awards. Each director makes nominations and from there they vote anony-

mously over e-mail.

The club was first established in the 1970s and has gone through periods of inactivity.

Two years ago, the directors of WWLR decided to take the club in a new direction by becoming more active on campus and holding events like the Horneys and their annual spring event, the Drag Ball.

Since the changes, WWLR has become extremely popular. The most recent count has the club at 86 members, but since then it has grown.

"It is continuing to increase," explained Brien, talking about the number of people involved in the club. He explained that he doesn't count guests that show up during airing time, and if he did consider them members of the club, than again numbers would significantly increase.

The awards ceremony will be a semi-formal and open to the entire student body, free of charge. It is being held Saturday at 7 p.m. in ASAC 100. Food will be provided—Pizza Man—and so will entertainment. There will be four live bands playing, including The Summit of Thieves, Duk, B-Wise and Suncooked.

Major: Couch Surfing

Kriston Hall
Critic Correspondent

As his eyes slowly open Chris Martin hears the sound of dishes being shuffled around on the counter, the coffee being brewed and yawning from all involved parties. He doesn't have class for another four hours, or any homework, nothing to do at all but he can't sleep in because he's on the couch.

Someone comes in with a bowl of cereal and Chris moves over so they can watch the top ten plays on ESPN before they head to class. He doesn't have a choice really, it's not his house. And with four other people living in the house, someone's always up early.

"I stay at friend's houses on the couch most of the time and I usually go home on the weekends. It definitely stinks not having my own place or any privacy," said Martin.

After a roommate decided to stay on campus, Martin missed out on an apartment for this year, leaving him a designated couch surfer. He spends the majority of nights at house full of fellow hockey players, where the practice schedules and interests keep them all on the same page.

This lifestyle has a number of effects on Martin besides having to get up as soon as anyone else decides to. He also has to commute on the weekends but lives over an hour away in Waterbury Vermont. Not having a place may mean he doesn't pay rent but there are more expenses involved with living however, which can also be expensive.

"It saves money in some ways like not paying rent, but it catches up with me when I add up other costs like food and gas. The only tricks I've learned to save money are to carpool more and find deals at places when I eat out," said Martin.

Being on the move constantly occupies his days with class and travel. What about when there's a large amount of time between classes? People who live on campus or right in town can go home for a bite to eat or a nap. Martin can't on the other hand, when asked about what he does with his down time between classes he had this to say:

"I try to be productive and do school work, but other than that I get a hold of friends and go hang out with them. We usually do things like play a round of



Photo by Kriston Hall

Chris Martin passes out on friends couch from having no place of his own near campus.

Frisbee golf or Xbox."

Living primarily in one place he does buy food to chip in on meals and gets to make use of a kitchen. So now he has the basics covered, a place to sleep and food to eat all on a pretty reasonable budget.

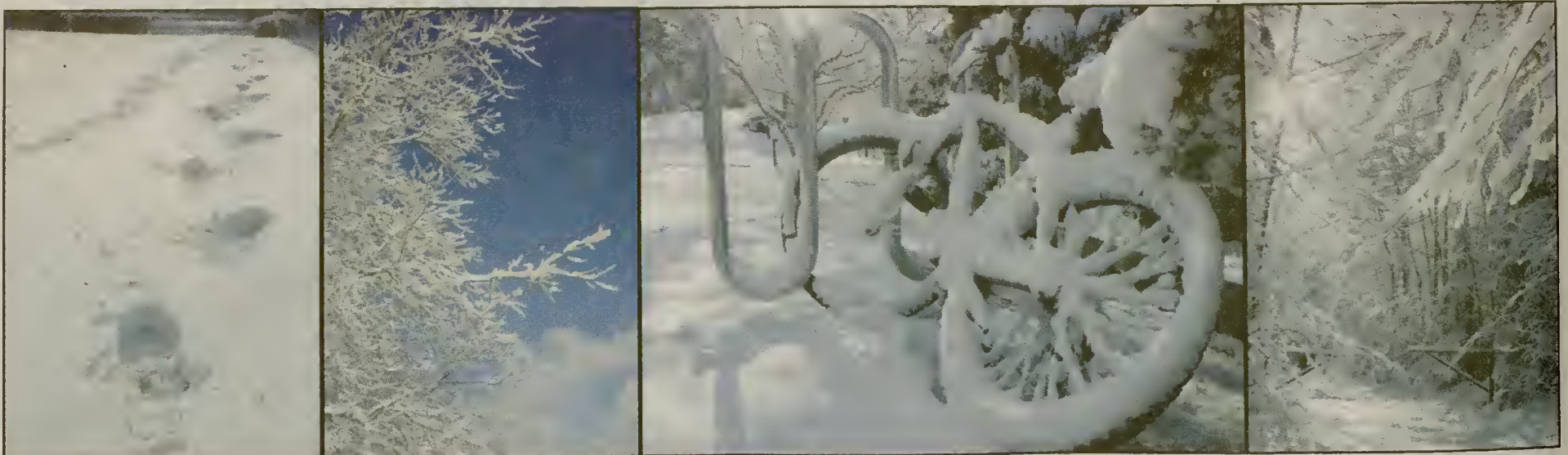
Another expense you may not consider in this situation though is your social life. Most students rely on campus to mingle or spend some time hanging out with people or at their own place. If the place you're staying

at is in Saint Johnsbury and no one who lives there happens to be home though, you need a backup plan. So Chris had to find a way to use all his time, so now socializing is an all-day event.

"I would say my social life has definitely increased since I'm constantly hanging around people when I don't have anything to do. I can't just go home to take a nap or study or hang out and watch TV, to do those things I have to go to someone's

place which means that I am socializing all the time," said Martin.

Not having a place to live on campus isn't anyone's first choice, but for Chris Martin at least he has found a way to make it work. Saving a little money, trying to be productive and constantly hanging out with other people has made his semester more engaging and rewarding. Plus to top it all off, when the semesters over all he has to do is drive away, no packing required.



Wednesday night snow blanketed Lyndon State College's Campus.

Photos by Sierra Willenburg

What are your plans over winter break?



"The possibilities are endless. What can't I do over winter break?"
Curran Hendershot,
Meteorology,
Sophomore



"I will be most likely be catching up with old friends and catching up on sleep."
Jason Budden,
Illustration, Junior



"I'm going to be nanny-ing this winter."
Elyse Vandels,
Psychology, Junior



"Working. I work at a factory, NSA Industries."
Robert Trucott,
Criminal Justice, Junior



"Skiing everyday all day. That's it. And working out."
Quinton Muller,
Exercise Science,
Sophomore



"Skiing, sleeping, and probably reading. Three things that I'm going to do."
Madeline Muller,
Explorations, Freshman

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